



Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

Form 50-296
(Revised May 2010)

INSTRUCTIONS: This application must be completed and filed with the school district. In order for an application to be processed, the governing body (school board) must elect to consider an application, but — by Comptroller rule — the school board may elect to consider the application only after the school district has received a completed application. Texas Tax Code, Section 313.025 requires that any completed application and any supplemental materials received by the school district must be forwarded within seven days to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

If the school board elects to consider the application, the school district must:

- notify the Comptroller that the school board has elected to consider the application.

This notice must include:

- the date on which the school district received the application;
- the date the school district determined that the application was complete;
- the date the school board decided to consider the application; and
- a request that the comptroller prepare an economic impact analysis of the application;
- provide a copy of the notice to the appraisal district;
- must complete the sections of the application reserved for the school district and provide information required in the Comptroller rules located at 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 9.1054; and
- forward the original completed application to the Comptroller in a three-ring binder with tabs separating each section of the documents, in addition to an electronic copy on CD. See 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

The governing body may, at its discretion, allow the applicant to supplement or amend the application after the filing date, subject to the restrictions in 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

When the Comptroller receives the notice and required information from the school district, the Comptroller will publish all submitted application materials on its Web site. The Comptroller is authorized to treat some application information as confidential and withhold it from publication on the Internet. To do so, however, the information must be segregated and comply with the other requirements set out in the Comptroller rules as explained in the Confidentiality Notice below.

The Comptroller will independently determine whether the application has been completed according to the Comptroller's rules (34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F). If the Comptroller finds the application is not complete, the Comptroller will request additional materials from the school district. When the Comptroller determines that the application is complete, it will send the school district a notice indicating so. The Comptroller will determine the eligibility of the project, make a recommendation to the school board regarding the application and prepare an economic impact evaluation by the 90th day after the Comptroller receives a complete application—as determined by the Comptroller.

The school board must approve or disapprove the application before the 151st day after the application review start date (the date the application is finally determined to be complete), unless an extension is granted. The Comptroller and school district are authorized to request additional information from the applicant that is reasonably necessary to complete the recommendation, economic impact evaluation or consider the application at any time during the application review period.

Please visit the Comptroller's Web site to find out more about the program at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/index.html>. There are links on this Web page to the Chapter 313 statute, rules and forms. Information about minimum limitation values for particular districts and wage standards may also be found at that site.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Authorized School District Representative		Date application received by district 8-31-10
First Name Hollis	Last Name Adams	
Title Superintendent		
School District Name Midway ISD		
Street Address 12142 STATE HWY 148 S		
Mailing Address 12142 STATE HWY 148 S		
City HENRIETTA	State TX	ZIP 76365-7210
Phone Number (940) 476-2215	Fax Number (940) 476-2226	
Mobile Number (optional)	E-mail Address hollis.adams@esc9.net	

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will consultant be primary contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (continued)

Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)

First Name Kevin	Last Name O'Hanlon	
Title Attorney		
Firm Name O'Hanlon, McCollom & Demerath, PC		
Street Address 808 West Avenue		
Mailing Address 808 West Avenue		
City Austin	State TX	ZIP 78701
Phone Number 512-494-9949	Fax Number 512-494-9919	
Mobile Number (Optional)	E-mail Address kohanlon@808west.com; mhanley@808west.com	

I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

Signature (Authorized School District Representative) 	Date 9-20-10
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Has the district determined this application complete? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date determined complete. **8-31-10**

Have you completed the school finance documents required by TAC 9.1054(c)(3)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

SCHOOL DISTRICT CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

	Checklist	Page X of 16	Check Completed
1	Date application received by the ISD	1 of 16	✓
2	Certification page signed and dated by authorized school district representative	2 of 16	✓
3	Date application deemed complete by ISD	2 of 16	✓
4	Certification pages signed and dated by applicant or authorized business representative of applicant	4 of 16	✓
5	Completed company checklist	12 of 16	✓
6	School finance documents described in TAC 9.1054(c)(3) (Due within 20 days of district providing notice of completed application)	2 of 16	

APPLICANT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**Authorized Business Representative (Applicant)**

First Name

Jimmy

Last Name

Horn

Title

Manager

Organization

South Clay Wind Farm, LLC and Shannon-1 Wind Farm, LLC

Street Address

219 Virgie Lane

Mailing Address

219 Virgie Lane

City

Windthorst

State

TX

ZIP

76389

Phone Number

940-642-9781

Fax Number

Mobile Number (optional)

Business e-mail Address

horn.wind@yahoo.com

Will a company official other than the authorized business representative be responsible for responding to future information requests?

☐ Yes☒ No

If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization

Street Address

Mailing Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone Number

Fax Number

Mobile Number (optional)

E-mail Address

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application.....

☐ Yes☒ No

Will consultant be primary contact?

☐ Yes☒ No



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APPLICANT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Title

Firm Name

Street Address

Mailing Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone Number

Fax Number

Business email Address

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

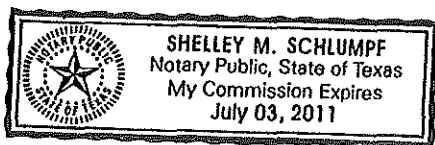
I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no delinquent taxes are owed to the State of Texas.

Signature (Authorized Business Representative (Applicant))

Date

08/04/2010

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 4th day of August, 2010



(Notary Seal)

Notary Public, State of Texas

My commission expires 7-3-11

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code § 37.10.

FEES AND PAYMENTS

☒ Enclosed is proof of application fee paid to the school district.

For the purpose of this question, "payments to the school district" include any and all payments or transfers of things of value made to the school district or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of thing of value being provided is in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for the agreement for limitation on appraised value.

Please answer only either A OR B:

A. Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to receive a property tax value limitation agreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code, 313.027(i)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

B. If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula or methodology without a specific amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the school district" that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)? ... ☐ Yes ☐ No

BUSINESS APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name under which application is made

Horn Wind, LLC

Texas Taxpayer I.D. Number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits)

20-8666466

NAICS code

221119

Is the applicant a party to any other Chapter 313 agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name of school district and year of agreement.

Archer City ISD--2008

APPLICANT BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Registered to do business in Texas with the Texas Secretary of State? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Identify business organization of applicant (corporation, limited liability corporation, etc.)

Horn Wind, LLC (South Clay Wind Farm, LLC and Shannon-1 Wind Farm, LLC)

1. Is the applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined group, as defined by Texas Tax Code Chapter 171.0001(7)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If so, please attach documentation of the combined group membership and contact information.

2. Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ☒ NA ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer to either question is no, please explain and/or disclose any history of default, delinquencies and/or any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (Use attachment if necessary.)



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ELIGIBILITY UNDER TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.024

Are you an entity to which Tax Code, Chapter 171 applies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The property will be used as an integral part, or as a necessary auxiliary part, in one of the following activities:

- (1) manufacturing ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) research and development ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) renewable energy electric generation ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (7) nuclear electric power generation ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information. (Use attachments as necessary)

See Appendix A, B-F Appendices for other relevant information.

Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state.

The ability to relocate is described in Appendix A.

PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construct New Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business / Start-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand Existing Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation from Out-of-State | <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Machinery & Equipment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidation | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation within Texas | | |

PROJECTED TIMELINE

Begin Construction	<u>September 2011</u>	Begin Hiring New Employees	<u>September 2011</u>
Construction Complete	<u>August 2012</u>	Fully Operational	<u>September 2012</u>
Purchase Machinery & Equipment	<u>April 2011</u>		

Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: Improvements made before that time may not be considered qualified property.

When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service? April 2012

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

Identify state programs the project will apply for:

State Source

Amount

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total	_____

Will other incentives be offered by local units of government? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please use the following box for additional details regarding incentives. (Use attachments if necessary.)

Clay County Tax Abatements is in progress and will be established by November 2010.

THE PROPERTYIdentify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Clay CountyCentral Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Clay CountyWill this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property and the portion of project within each entity

County: <u>Clay County 100%</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>	City: <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>
Hospital District: <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>	Water District: <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>
Other (describe): <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>	Other (describe): <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name and percent of project)</small>

Is the project located entirely within this ISD? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.



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INVESTMENT

NOTE: The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum amount of appraised value limitation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as rural, and the taxable value of the property within the school district. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/values.html.

At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district? \$5,000,000

What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying? \$345,000,000

What is your total estimated *qualified* investment? \$350,000,000

NOTE: See 313.021(1) for full definition. Generally, Qualified Investment is the sum of the investment in tangible personal property and buildings and new improvements made between beginning of the qualifying time period (date of application final approval by the school district) and the end of the second complete tax year.

What is the anticipated date of application approval? December 31, 2010

What is the anticipated date of the beginning of the qualifying time period? January 1, 2011

What is the total estimated investment for this project for the period from the time of application submission to the end of the limitation period? \$350,000,000

Describe the qualified investment. [See 313.021(1).]

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your minimum qualified investment and
- (3) a map of the qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.

Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or 313.053 for rural school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Except for new equipment described in Tax Code §151.318(q) or (q-1), is the proposed tangible personal property to be placed in service for the first time:

- (1) in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (2) if not in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation, is the personal property necessary and ancillary to the business conducted in the new building or other new improvement? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (3) on the same parcel of land as the building for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

("First placed in service" means the first use of the property by the taxpayer.)

Will the investment in real or personal property you propose be counted toward the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023, (or 313.053 for rural school districts) be first placed in service in this state during the applicable qualifying time period? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the investment in tangible personal property meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the proposed investment includes a building or a permanent, non-removable component of a building, does it house tangible personal property? ☒ Yes ☐ No

QUALIFIED PROPERTY

Describe the qualified property. [See 313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exactly you may skip items (1), (2) and (3) below.)

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property and
- (3) a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements – with vicinity map.

Land

Is the land on which you propose new construction or improvements currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answered "no" to the question above, what is the anticipated date on which you will submit proof of a reinvestment zone with boundaries encompassing the land on which you propose new construction or improvements? August 23, 2010

Will the applicant own the land by the date of agreement execution? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project be on leased land? ☒ Yes ☐ No

QUALIFIED PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

If the land upon which the new building or new improvement is to be built is part of the qualified property described by §313.021(2)(A), please attach complete documentation, including:

1. Legal description of the land
2. Each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the improvements will be constructed, regardless of whether or not all of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property
3. Owner
4. The current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel.
5. A detailed map (with a vicinity map) showing the location of the land

Attach a map of the reinvestment zone boundaries, certified to be accurate by either the governmental entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor. (With vicinity map)

Attach the order, resolution or ordinance establishing the zone, and the guidelines and criteria for creating the zone, if applicable.

Miscellaneous

Is the proposed project a building or new improvement to an existing facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Attach a description of any existing improvements and include existing appraisal district account numbers.

List current market value of existing property at site as of most recent tax year. \$1,000,000 2010
(Market Value) (Tax Year)

Is any of the existing property subject to a value limitation agreement under Tax Code 313? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will all of the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation be free of a tax abatement agreement entered into by a school district for the duration of the limitation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

What is the estimated number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year), with the applicant or a contractor of the applicant, on the proposed qualified property during the last complete quarter before the application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? 0

The last complete calendar quarter before application review start date is the:

☐ First Quarter ☒ Second Quarter ☐ Third Quarter ☐ Fourth Quarter of 2010
(year)

What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the TWC?
0

Note: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code 313.021(3). If the applicant intends to apply a definition for "new job" other than TAC §9.1051(14)(C), then please provide the definition of "new job" as used in this application. _____

Total number of new jobs that will have been created when fully operational 9

Do you plan to create at least 25 new jobs (at least 10 new jobs for rural school districts) on the land and in connection with the new building or other improvement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum new job creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes" to the question above, attach evidence documenting that the new job creation requirement above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards. Note: Even if a minimum new job waiver is provided, 80% of all new jobs must be qualifying jobs pursuant to Texas Tax Code, §313.024(d).

What is the maximum number of qualifying jobs meeting all criteria of §313.021(3) you are committing to create? 9

If this project creates more than 1,000 new jobs, the minimum required wage for this project is 110% of the average county weekly wage for all jobs as described by 313.021(3)(E)(ii).

If this project creates less than 1,000 new jobs, does this district have territory in a county that meets the demographic characteristics of 313.051(2)? (see table of information showing this district characteristic at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/values.html>)

If yes, the applicant must meet wage standard described in 313.051(b) (110% of the regional average weekly wage for manufacturing)

If no, the applicant shall designate one of the wage standards set out in §§313.021(5)(A) or 313.021(5)(B).

**WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

For the following three wage calculations please include on an attachment the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation. Show the average and the 110% calculation. Include documentation from TWC Web site. The final actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimate — will be based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of a completed application). See TAC §9.1051(7).

110% of the county average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is \$ 577

110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is \$ 604.75

110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is \$782

Please identify which Tax Code section you are using to estimate the wage standard required for this project:

☐ §313.021(5)(A) or ☐ §313.021(5)(B) or ☐ §313.021(3)(E)(ii), or ☒ §313.051(b)?

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property? 40,669

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property? 41,000

Will 80% of all new jobs created by the owner be qualifying jobs as defined by 313.021(3)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will each qualifying job require at least 1,600 of work a year? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be jobs transferred from one area of the state to another? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be retained jobs? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be created to replace a previous employee? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any required qualifying jobs be filled by employees of contractors? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, what percent? _____

Does the applicant or contractor of the applicant offer to pay at least 80% of the employee's health insurance premium for each qualifying job? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe each type of benefits to be offered to qualifying jobholders. (Use attachments as necessary.)

See Appendix D

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Is an Economic Impact Analysis attached (If supplied by other than the Comptroller's office)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is Schedule A completed and signed for all years and attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule B completed and signed for all years and attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule C (Application) completed and signed for all years and attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule D completed and signed for all years and attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: Excel spreadsheet versions of schedules are available for download and printing at URL listed below.

If there are any other payments made in the state or economic information that you believe should be included in the economic analysis, please attach a separate schedule showing the amount for each year affected, including an explanation.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

**Property Tax Limitation Agreement Applications
Texas Government Code Chapter 313
Confidential Information Submitted to the Comptroller**

Generally, an application for property tax value limitation, the information provided therein, and documents submitted in support thereof, are considered public information subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

There is an exception, outlined below, by which information will be withheld from disclosure.

The Comptroller's office will withhold information from public release if:

- 1) it describes the specific processes or business activities to be conducted or the specific tangible personal property to be located on real property covered by the application;
- 2) the information has been segregated in the application from other information in the application; and
- 3) the party requesting confidentiality provides the Comptroller's office a list of the documents for which confidentiality is sought and for each document lists the specific reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the material is believed to be confidential.

All applications and parts of applications which are not segregated and marked as confidential as outlined above will be considered public information and will be posted on the Internet.

Such information properly identified as confidential will be withheld from public release unless and until the governing body of the school district acts on the application, or we are directed to do so by a ruling from the Attorney General.

Other information in the custody of a school district or the comptroller submitted in connection with the application, including information related to the economic impact of a project or the essential elements of eligibility under Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, such as

the nature and amount of the projected investment, employment, wages, and benefits, will not be considered confidential business information and will be posted on the Internet.

All documents submitted to the Comptroller, as well as all information in the application once the school district acts thereon, are subject to public release unless specific parts of the application or documents submitted with the application are identified as confidential. Any person seeking to limit disclosure of such submitted records is advised to consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and also to take the appropriate precautions to safeguard copyrighted material, trade secrets, or any other proprietary information. The Comptroller assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by respondents. A person seeking to limit disclosure of information must submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why that person believes the material to be confidential.

The following outlines how the Comptroller's office will handle requests for information submitted under the Texas Public Information Act for application portions and submitted records appropriately identified as confidential.

- This office shall forward the request for records and a copy of the documents at issue to the Texas Attorney General's office for an opinion on whether such information may be withheld from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.
- The Comptroller will notify the person who submitted the application/documents when the information is forwarded to the Attorney General's office.
- Please be aware that this Office is obligated to comply with an Attorney General's decision, including release of information ruled public even if it was marked confidential.

**COMPANY CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS**

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2 Proof of Payment of Application Fee (Attachment)	5 of 16	
For applicant members, documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7)	5 of 16	
3 (If Applicable) (Attachment)		
4 Detailed description of the project	6 of 16	
5 If project is located in more than one district, name other districts and list percentage in each district (Attachment)	7 of 16	
6 Description of Qualified Investment (Attachment)	8 of 16	
7 Map of qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.	8 of 16	
8 Description of Qualified Property (Attachment)	8 of 16	
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10 Description of Land (Attachment)	9 of 16	
11 A detailed map showing location of the land with vicinity map.	9 of 16	
12 A description of all existing (if any) Improvements (Attachment)	9 of 16	
13 Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement (if applicable) (Attachment)	9 of 16	
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15 Description of Benefits	10 of 16	
16 Economic Impact (if applicable)	10 of 16	
17 Schedule A completed and signed	13 of 16	
18 Schedule B completed and signed	14 of 16	
19 Schedule C (Application) completed and signed	15 of 16	
20 Schedule D completed and signed	16 of 16	
21 Map of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment) (Showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size, Certified to be accurate by either the government entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor, with vicinity map)*	9 of 16	
22 Order, Resolution, or Ordinance Establishing the Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	
23 Legal Description of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	
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*To be submitted with application or before date of final application approval by school board.

Applicant Name Horn Wind, LLC (South Clay-Shannon-1 Project)
 ISD Name Midway ISD

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PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS									
(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put)									
		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A: Tangible Personal Property of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year	Column B: Building or permanent nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B investment (during the qualifying time period)	Column D: Investment that is not qualified investment but investment affecting economic impact and total value	Column E: Total Investment (A+B+C)
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	Investment made before filing complete application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)				\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application (eligible to become qualified property)				\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)		2009/2010	2010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Complete tax years of qualifying time period		1	2010/2011	2011	\$100,000,000	\$300,000	\$100,300,000	\$0	\$100,300,000
		2	2011/2012	2012	\$250,000,000	\$0	\$250,000,000	\$0	\$250,000,000
Value Limitation Period		3	2012/2013	2013	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)		4	2013/2014	2014	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		5	2014/2015	2015	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		6	2015/2016	2016	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		7	2016/2017	2017	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		8	2017/2018	2018	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		9	2018/2019	2019	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		10	2019/2020	2020	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2020/2021	2021	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		12	2021/2022	2022	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		13	2022/2023	2023	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Post-Settle-Up Period		14	2023/2024	2024	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Post-Settle-Up Period		15	2024/2025	2025	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0

Qualifying Time Period usually begins with the final board approval of the application and extends generally for the following two complete tax years.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property the applicant considers qualified investment - as defined in Tax Code §313.021(1)(A)-(D). For the purposes of investment, please list amount invested each year, not cumulative totals. [For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in tangible personal property].

Column B: Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property-property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period. The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings that the applicant considers qualified.

Column D: For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings. Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value-for planning, construction and operation of the facility. The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc. Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.

Notes: For advanced clean energy projects, nuclear projects, projects with deferred qualifying time periods, and projects with lengthy application review periods, insert additional rows as needed.

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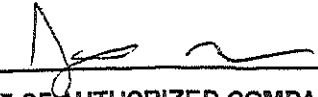
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Schedule B (Rev. May 2010): Estimated Market And Taxable Value

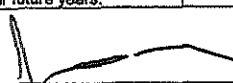
Applicant Name	Horn Wind, LLC (South Clay--Shannon-1 Project)								
ISD Name	Midway ISD								Form 50-296
					Qualified Property			Reductions from Market Value	
		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new building or "in or on the new improvement"	Exempted Value	Final taxable value for M&O--after all reductions
		pre- year 1		2010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2010/2011	2011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		2	2011/2012	2012	\$300,000	\$100,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000,000
	Value Limitation Period	3	2012/2013	2013	\$300,000	\$350,000,000	\$0	\$345,000,000	\$5,000,000
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)		4	2013/2014	2014	\$300,000	\$323,750,000	\$0	\$318,750,000	\$5,000,000
		5	2014/2015	2015	\$300,000	\$306,250,000	\$0	\$301,250,000	\$5,000,000
		6	2015/2016	2016	\$300,000	\$288,750,000	\$0	\$283,750,000	\$5,000,000
		7	2016/2017	2017	\$300,000	\$271,250,000	\$0	\$266,250,000	\$5,000,000
		8	2017/2018	2018	\$300,000	\$253,750,000	\$0	\$248,750,000	\$5,000,000
		9	2018/2019	2019	\$300,000	\$236,250,000	\$0	\$231,250,000	\$5,000,000
		10	2019/2020	2020	\$300,000	\$218,750,000	\$0	\$213,750,000	\$5,000,000
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2020/2021	2021	\$300,000	\$201,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$201,250,000
		12	2021/2022	2022	\$300,000	\$183,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$183,750,000
		13	2022/2023	2023	\$300,000	\$166,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$166,250,000
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2023/2024	2024	\$300,000	\$148,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$148,750,000
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2024/2025	2025	\$300,000	\$131,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$131,250,000

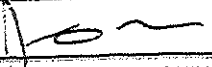
Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation.

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Schedule C- Application: Employment Information

Applicant Name		Horn Wind, LLC (South Clay--Shannon-1 Project)									
ISD Name		Midway ISD									
					Form 50-286						
					Construction	New Jobs	Qualifying Jobs				
		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Column A: Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	Column B: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C: Number of new jobs applicant commits to create (cumulative)	Column D: Average annual wage rate for all new jobs	Column E: Number of qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column F: Average annual wage of qualifying jobs	
		pre- year 1	2009/2010	2010	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	
	Complete tax years of qualifying time	1	210/2011	2011	30,000 man-hours	\$45,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	
		2	2011/2012	2012	70,000 man-hours	\$45,000	9	\$45,778	9	\$45,778	
	Value Limitation Period	3	2012/2013	2013			9	\$47,151	9	\$47,151	
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)		4	2013/2014	2014			9	\$48,566	9	\$48,566	
		5	2014/2015	2015			9	\$50,023	9	\$50,023	
		6	2015/2016	2016			9	\$51,524	9	\$51,524	
		7	2016/2017	2017			9	\$53,069	9	\$53,069	
		8	2017/2018	2018			9	\$54,661	9	\$54,661	
		9	2018/2019	2019			9	\$56,301	9	\$56,301	
		10	2019/2020	2020			9	\$57,990	9	\$57,990	
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2020/2021	2021			9	\$59,730	9	\$59,730	
		12	2021/2022	2022			9	\$61,522	9	\$61,522	
		13	2022/2023	2023			9	\$63,367	9	\$63,367	
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2023/2024	2024			9	\$65,268	9	\$65,268	
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2024/2025	2025			9	\$67,227	9	\$67,227	
Notes: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code §313.021(3).											
This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.											
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Schedule D: (Rev. May 2010): Other Tax Information											
Applicant Name	Horn Wind, LLC (South Clay-Shannon-1 Project)					ISD Name	Midway ISD	Form 50-296			
Sales Tax Information						Franchise Tax	Other Property Tax Abatements Sought				
Sales Taxable Expenditures						Franchise Tax	County	City	Hospital	Other	
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax/Calendar Year YYYY	Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)		2009-2010	2010	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2010-2011	2011	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
	2	2011-2012	2012	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Value Limitation Period	3	2012-2013	2013	0	0	0	90%	0	0	0	
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	4	2013-2014	2014	0	0	0	80%	0	0	0	
	5	2014-2015	2015	0	0	0	70%	0	0	0	
	6	2015-2016	2016	0	0	0	60%	0	0	0	
	7	2016-2017	2017	0	0	0	50%	0	0	0	
	8	2017-2018	2018	0	0	0	40%	0	0	0	
	9	2018-2019	2019	0	0	0	30%	0	0	0	
	10	2019-2020	2020	0	0	0	20%	0	0	0	
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2020-2021	2021	0	0	10%	0	0	0	
		12	2021-2022	2022	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
		13	2022-2023	2023	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Post-Settle-Up Period		14	2023-2024	2024	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Post-Settle-Up Period		15	2024-2025	2025	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
*For planning, construction and operation of the facility.											
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Appendix A

Appendix A1 & A2: Description the Property and Proposed Improvements

A1 - Description of all property as defined by tax code 303.021(2)

Per Tax Form 50-296, the following will describe the property and the assets to be placed in service on said property of a project to install and operate a 200 Megawatt industrial wind farm for a minimum of 20 year project life for the purpose of profitably generating electricity for sell. All assets will reside on said property for the duration of the project life.

For purposes of simplification, the below terms described in full, hereafter will fully carry the meaning denoted below but will be referred to in their shorted form.

'Wind Farm': The 200 MW-nameplate capacity Industrial Wind Farm located in Clay County Reinvestment Zone no. 1. Designation: South Clay--Shannon-1.

'Reinvestment Zone' the reinvestment zone established by the Commissioners Court of Clay County on August 23, 2010. Zone establishment is in accordance with Tex. Tax Code 312.401.

'Land Property(s)': the designated land tracts leased from land owners by Horn Wind, LLC and used in the South Clay--Shannon-1 Wind Farm Project. This term will refer to the any existing improvements to the land prior to the lease and use in South Clay--Shannon-1 project will be included in this term 'land property'.

'Improvements' the additions of proposed and installed improvements to the land as well as any other personal property to be added and reside on the land for the soul use in the operation of the project. This term will include new roads, other infrastructure, transmission and the wind mills (towers and turbines).

South Clay--Shannon-1 Wind Farm project is a 200 MW capacity industrial wind farm located in the Southwest Clay County Wind Power Reinvestment Zone. The Land Property(s) used for the Wind Farm are leased land comprised entirely of rural farm land.

This project, the Wind Farm, comprised of Land Property(s) and Improvements meets the requirements of Tax Code 313.021(2): Qualified property as denoted below.

- a) i. The land is located in a reinvestment zone created under chapter 312.
- ii. The new improvements do/did not exist before the date owner applied for a limitation of appraised value under subchapter for code section 313.
- iii. The project is not subject to any other tax abatements entered into by a school district under chapter 312.
- iv. The new improvements will at least meet the minimum amount required for the qualifying investment for Section 312.023 of \$5 million, urban, Category IV. And a new job creation quantity waiver is being filed to lower the number of new jobs required based on the industry standards for wind farm operation. The project will meet this Category IV requirement with the waiver approval.

- b) & c) The new Improvements (including tangible personal property) are not subject to a tax abatement agreement entered into by a school district under Chapter 312. In addition all new Improvements (including new equipment) will be placed in service for the first time on this project.

The Land

The Land (Land Property(s)) is described as rural farm land bases about. There are no major structures on the land with the exception of a few houses and barns.

Each piece of leased land used in the Wind Farm project is within the reinvestment zone.

- A map of the reinvestment zone is included in Appendix B.
- Documentation on the reinvestment zone is presented in Appendix C.
- Order establishing the Clay County Reinvestment Zone in appendix C.
- All land leases are filed in Appendix F.

Land Legal Descriptions

Detailed Legal Land Descriptions are presented in Appendix B-4. Also, the Land Legal Description of each piece of land included in the South Clay--Shannon-1 Wind Farm Project is filed in Appendix F on the two pages after the signature pages of each land Surface Lease for each piece of leased land. See Appendix F.

A2 - Proposed Improvement and Personal Property

For this items classification, all turbines will be classified as Business Personal Property. All other assets and structures including towers, roads, transmission equipment and lines will be classified as proposed improvements and specified as permanent fixtures.

Installation of the above items is scheduled as follows:

Gravel roads to each tower installation location will be built and current roads will be upgraded in the 6 month period immediately prior to the beginning of turbine installation.

Towers and turbines will be installed during a 6 to 9 month window immediately preceding the testing and Commercial Operation Date. At this time, the Commercial Operation Date is set for September, 2012. This date may change due to unforeseen delays.

At the actual Commercial Operation date, all construction will be on the South Clay--Shannon-1 Project. All turbines will be installed by the end of the qualifying time period, currently set for the end of 2012.

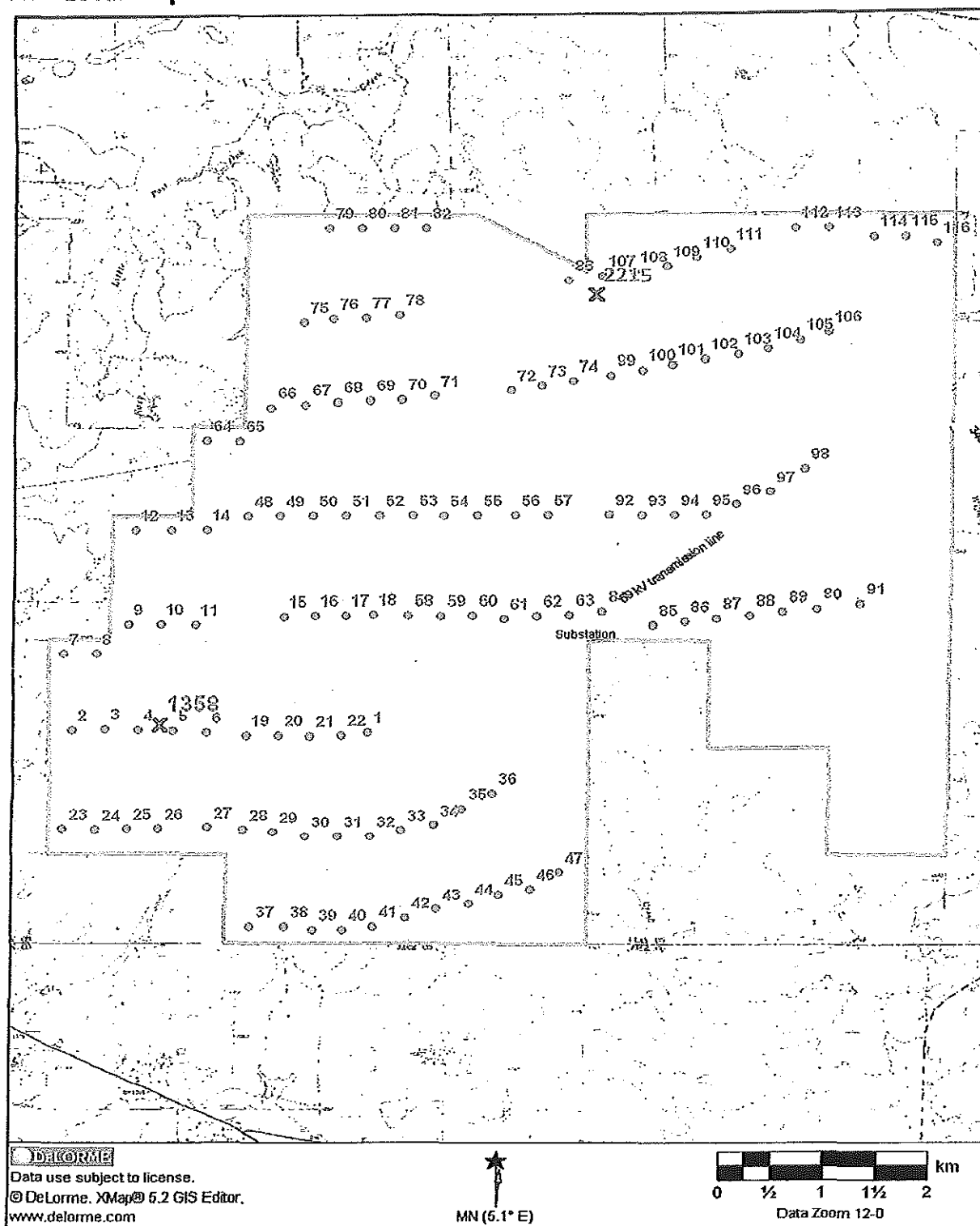
With all turbines installed, the project will be rated at 200MW-nameplate and have a market value of about \$350 million. The project life is expected at 25 years.

Turbines will constitute approximately \$300 million of the project value. All other improvements are estimated at \$50 million in value for a total value of \$350 million. Each asset is defined and timed in form 50-296 Schedules A, B, and C.

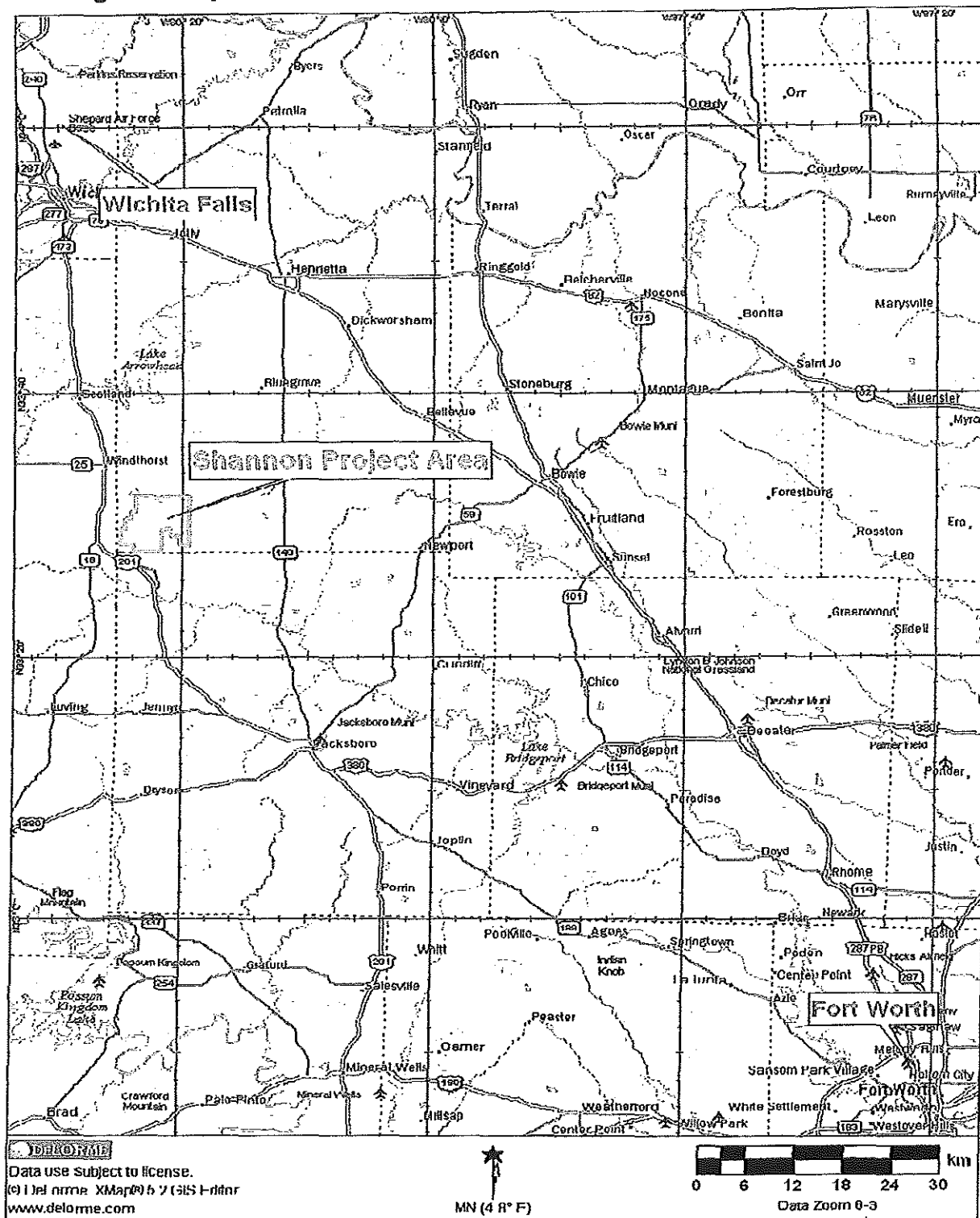
Detailed maps of the actual or proposed location of the land and proposed improvements

Detailed maps of the land, improvements and reinvestment zone are filed in Appendix B.

A3 - Local Map of the Shannon Met Towers and Tentative V-100 Array Plan



A3 - Regional Map Around the Shannon Project and Reference Anemometers



A4 – Company's Ability to Relocate

The ability of the company to relocate to another state or another region of the state. Horn Wind, LLC was founded in Archer County, Texas and was created specifically to take advantage of developing wind industry in the area. Horn Wind, LLC is the parent company and has the ability to be relocated to other wind development areas/state, but the project with its permanent 20+ year life is located only on the assigned property and will create and sustain the jobs denoted in Appendix D.

A5 - Scope of Project

Per Tax Form 50-296 the following will describe in detail the scope of the proposed project including the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, and a timeline for construction (also found in Schedule A, B, & C), and any other relevant information.

Shortened terms will be used from formal long descriptions denoted above. Much of the below information is taken from the statements filed in the South Clay--Shannon-1, LLC Tax Abatement Agreement with Clay County. (Appendix C)

The Project, hereafter referred to as the Wind Farm, will consist of a wind powered electric generating facility to be located entirely within the Reinvestment Zone and shall consist of buildings and structures and other improvements, fixed machinery, equipment and process units including one or more electrical substations, underground and overhead electrical distribution and transmission facilities, wind turbine generators, electric transformers, appurtenant electric equipment, communication cables, data collection facilities, meteorological towers, and roads to be installed, added upgraded or used on the Subject Tracts, referred to as the Land Property(s), by or for the owner.

The Project will have a total of operating capacity of approximately 200 megawatts. The Project will include 111 1.8 megawatt wind turbine generators or similar equipment capable of producing the approximate generating capacity referred to above.

The nature of the South Clay--Shannon-1 project (Wind Farm) and the parent company Horn Wind, LLC construct and operate industrial level wind farm for the purpose of generating and selling electricity for a profit. This Wind Farm will create permanent jobs for Clay County can be the source of tax dollar generation for the county and school district.

The timing for construction is as follows. Schedules A, B, and C have the best estimate capital investment schedule for the Wind Farm construction and operation. Construction on the Wind Farm Project will be substantially complete not later than August, 2012. These completion deadlines may be extended into year 2013 if necessity requires.

Plans and Specifications, Governmental Requirements and Workmanship. All improvements to the real property which are a part of the Project, an all equipment and personal property installed as a part of the Project, shall be constructed and installed in accordance with plans and specifications prepared and certified by an engineer or architect licensed within one of the states of the United States of America and in accordance with all regulations of any governmental agency or entity having jurisdiction over any aspect of the construction of the project or its operations.

All facilities and equipment related to the Project shall be located in Clay County. South Clay--Shannon-1 agrees to create not less than 9 new jobs in connection with the construction of the Wind Farm; either through direct employment or through employment by contractors or service providers engaged to provide goods or services in connection with the project.

A majority of the above information has been directly extracted from the official "Tax Abatement Agreement between Clay County and South Clay--Shannon-1, LLC" This information was submitted by South Clay--Shannon-1 and agreed upon in this signed agreement to be binding for this county tax abatement in conjunction with the reinvestment zone.

A6 - Investment - Project Outlay and Timeline

This Investment schedule is our best estimate for the timing and amounts of capital outlays. The tower and housing for the turbine is considered a permanent fixture/structure. The turbines and related equipment is classified as business/tangible personal property Values in Millions of Dollars (\$ mil).

\$ Millions	Price per Unit (\$ Mil)	Qty	Permanent Fixture-New Building, Etc	Tangible Personal Property	Timing
Turbines	1.9	111		210.9	Nov. 2011 to July 2012
Towers	0.75	111	83.25		Nov 2011 to May 2012
Transmission	12.0	All	12.0		Jan 2012 to May 2012
Substation	7.00	All	7.00		April 2012 to July 2012
Roads/Access	8.50	All	8.50		Sept 2011 to Aug 2012
Erect/Install	27.0	All	27.00		Nov 2011 to Aug 2012
Misc.	1.00	All	1.00		Nov 2011 to Aug 2012
Leases/Contracts	0.35	All	0.35		Jan 2010 to Aug 2012
			139.10	210.90	

Total Value: \$350 million

SURFACE LEASE

This SURFACE LEASE (this "Lease") is made and entered into effective as of October 15, 2010, the Effective Date (hereinbelow defined) by and between Robert Schroeder and Becky Schroeder (referred to herein as "Owner" whether one or more, jointly and severally) and Shannon-1 Wind Farm, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (together with its successors and assigns, the "Lessee").

RECITALS

A. Owner is the owner of that certain property containing approximately 100 acres of land described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes (together with all wind rights and air space rights above, over and across the land, the "Premises").

B. Lessee desires to develop, construct and operate a commercial Wind Energy Project (as defined herein below), which Wind Energy Project will include wind-powered turbines and generators and other related equipment and facilities, including, without limitation, power lines and roadways, all of the foregoing to be located in, on, over and under the Premises.

C. Owner and Lessee desire to enter into this Lease on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

1. Basic Lease Information/Definitions.

"Affiliate:" An "Affiliate" of an entity is any other entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such entity. "Control" as used in this definition means the ability to control the management and policies of an entity, through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Affiliate Sale:" Defined in Section 3.c.(i)B.

"Annual Site Payments:" Defined in Section 3a.(iii)B.

"Beginning Index:" Defined in Section 3.h.

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Hollis Adams, Superintendent

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September 16, 2010

Horn Wind, LLC
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Windthorst, Texas 76389

Mr. Horn,

As the authorized representative of the Midway Independent School District, please be advised that the District has considered your request to defer the immediate payment of the application fee for the application submitted by Horn Wind, LLC. The Board has determined that it will accept the payment of the application fee in installments. Payments will be due as follows:

1. An initial payment of \$25,000 to be made on October 1, 2010 to the Midway Independent School District.
2. A second payment of \$25,000 to be made upon the later of final action of the Board of Trustees to approve the application submitted by Horn Wind, LLC or December 31, 2010.
3. The third and final payment of \$25,000 will be due and payable on March 31, 2011.

Sincerely,



Hollis Adams, Jr.
Superintendent, Midway ISD

Appendix B

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Appendix B

Appendix B1, B2 & B3: Description the Property and Improvements

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B2 - Proposed Improvements - See Appendix A-2

B3 - Map of Qualified Property - See Appendix A-3

Appendix B

Appendix B4: Land Legal Information

B4- Land Legal Information

Below is the legal description of the land included within the South Clay--Shannon-1 Project. The following page also includes the Legal Description of the Land along with Appraisal Parcel Number, Landowner, Acreage and the Tax Value of the Land.

Tex. Em. & Land Co. Survey	All of Abstracts 462 through 468
	All of Abstracts 472 through 477
	All of Abstracts 483 through 492
	All of Abstracts 501 through 503
	All of Abstracts 506 through 510
	All of Abstracts 523
McKinney & Williams Survey	All of Abstracts 359
W Wells Survey	All of Abstracts 711
B Cobb Survey	All of Abstracts 978
W Forris Survey	All of Abstracts 148
P Gilliland Survey	All of Abstracts 162

Detailed Land Legal Information

- a. Legal Description of Land
- b. Parcel Number
- c. Owner and Acreage
- d. Current Taxable Value
- e. Detailed Map with Vicinity Map is in the Following Attachment

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>
<u>Tex. Em. & Land Co.</u>			
A-462	Edward Moer	137.5/91.5/90 acres	\$21,860/\$14,550/\$12,700
A-463	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	308.415 acres	\$19,250
A-464	Lloyd Wolf	100 acres	\$13,000
A-464 (cont.)	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	220 acres	\$2,530
A-465	Lloyd Wolf	319 acres	\$29,560
A-466	William Head	320 acres	\$19,970
A-467	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,980
A-468	Fred Castle	138 acres	\$9,810
A-472	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,980
A-473	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,980
A-474	Bobby Steinberger	320 acres	\$28,180
A-475	Bobby Steinberger	320 acres	\$46,050
A-476	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,970
A-477	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	91 acres	\$5,680
A-477 (cont.)	Edward Moer	44.07 acres	\$2,750
A-483	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,970
A-484	William Head	320 acres	\$21,770
A-485	Mike Jackson	200/98.54 acres	\$12,490/\$6,150
A-486	Doug Wolf	160 acres	\$18,220
A-486 (cont.)	Jimmy/Joey Horn	155 acres	\$12,710
A-487	William Head	80 acres	\$4,990
A-487 (cont.)	Barney Oliver	80 acres	\$6,920
A-487 (cont.)	Roddy Oliver	140 acres	\$15,030
A-488	Jerry/Kevin Horn	150 acres	\$16,780
A-489	William Head	240 acres	\$14,980
A-490	Bob/Kaye Schreiber	320 acres	\$20,400
A-491	William Head	320 acres	\$19,970

Tex. Em. & Land Co. (cont.)

A-492	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	160/60 acres	\$9,990/\$3,750
A-492	Barry ColTharp	40 acres	\$2,500
A-501	Barry ColTharp	60/20 acres	\$3,740/\$1,250
A-501 (cont.)	Ruth Spalding	60 acres	\$3,740
A-502	Terry Schroeder	280 acres	\$18,380
A-503	Cletus Schroeder	192 acres	\$11,980
A-503 (cont.)	Robert Schroeder	88 acres	\$11,860
A-506	Arthur Litteken	320 acres	\$19,970
A-507	Arthur Litteken	320 acres	\$19,970
A-508	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,970
A-509	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,970
A-510	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	320 acres	\$19,970
A-523	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	273.34/46.66 acres	\$17,070/\$2,920

McKinney & Williams Survey

A-359	Arthur Litteken	320 acres	\$19,970
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W Wells Survey

A-711	Arthur Litteken	189 acres	\$11,790
A-711 (cont.)	Edward Moer	128 acres	\$20,350

B Cobb Survey

A-978	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	160 acres	\$9,990
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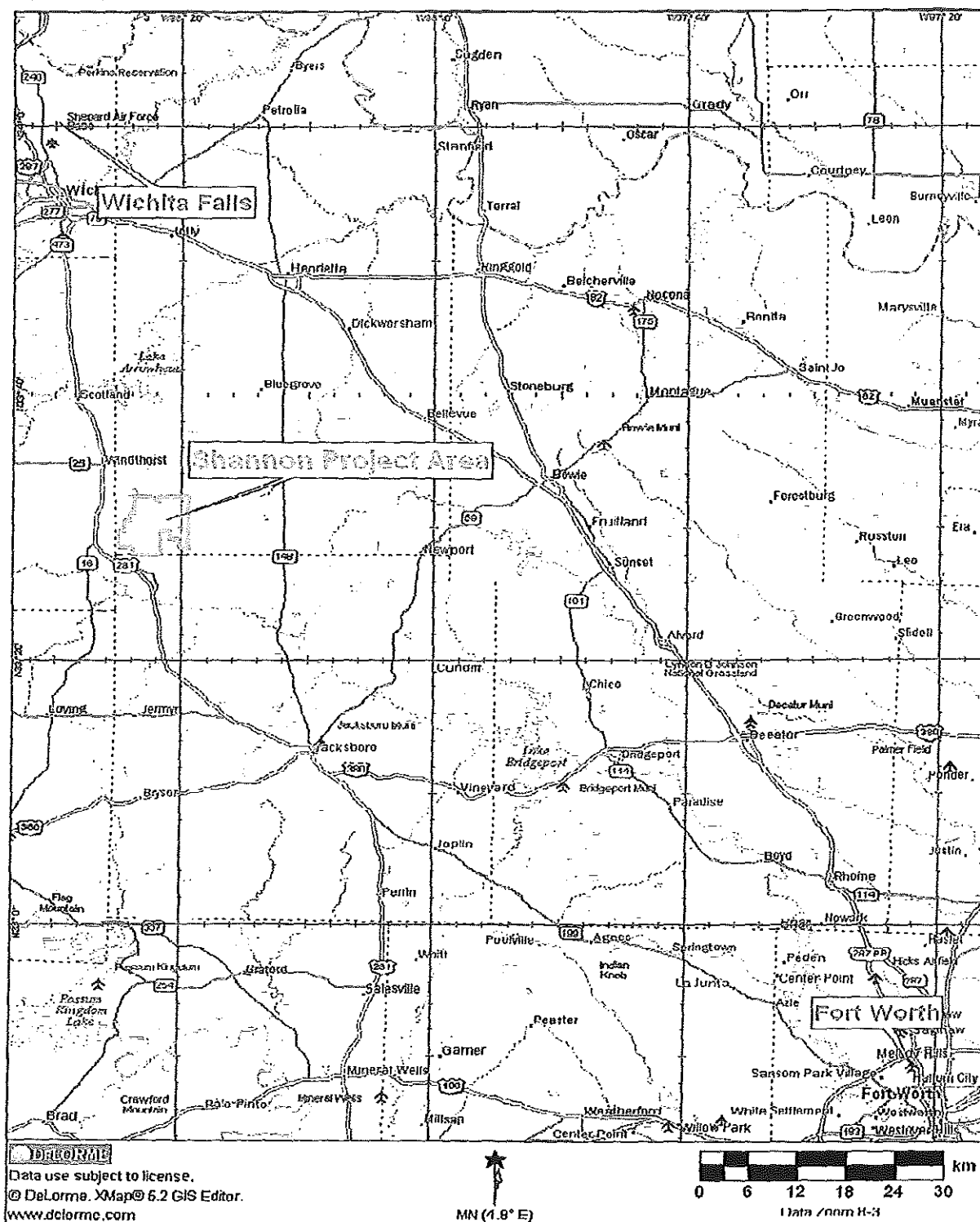
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A-148	Arthur Litteken	148.55/387.81 acres	\$43,300
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P Gilliland Survey

A-162	Praire Grove Ranch (Garrett)	307 acres	\$19,160
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Regional Map Around the Shannon Project and Reference Anemometers



**ORDER DESIGNATING THE SOUTHWEST
CLAY COUNTY WIND POWER REINVESTMENT ZONE**

August 23, 2010

AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT AND DESIGNATING THE SOUTHWEST CLAY
COUNTY WIND POWER REINVESTMENT ZONE.

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2010 the Commissioners Court of Clay County, Texas (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Commissioners Court") adopted a resolution electing to participate in tax abatement and adopted guidelines and criteria for any tax abatement that is granted by the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2010 the Commissioners Court convened a public hearing with respect to the advisability of designating the following lands (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Lands") as a reinvestment zone pursuant to TEX. TAX CODE §312.401, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Clay County and Archer County Line where Schreiber Road intersects the County Line which is the Northwest corner of the B.B.B. & C.R.R Company Survey, Abstract 1002;

THENCE, South with the Clay-Archer County Line to the Southwest corner of Texan Emigration and Land Company Survey 2646, Abstract 505, which is the Northern boundary for Jack County which is the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, East with the Jack County Line to Southeast corner of the Texan Emigration and Land Company Survey 2639, Abstract 498, which is the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, North with Watson Road to the Northeast corner of Texan Emigration and Land Company Survey 2690, Abstract 523, which is the Northeast corner of this tract; and

THENCE, West to the Northwest corner of B.B.B. & C.R.R. Company Survey, Abstract 1002, which is the place of beginning for the Northwest corner of this tract;

WHEREAS, said public hearing was adjourned to, and completed on, August 23, 2010;

WHEREAS, not later than the seventh day before July 27, 2010, notice of the public hearing was (1) published in the Clay County Leader, a newspaper having a general circulation in Clay County, Texas and (2) delivered in writing to the presiding officer of Midway Independent School District and the presiding officer of the Windthorst Independent School District, said school districts being the only other taxing units that include the Subject Lands in their boundaries;

WHEREAS, the Subject Lands are not in the taxing jurisdiction of a municipality;

WHEREAS, based upon the information available to it, including information presented at the public hearing referred to above and at prior meetings of the Commissioners Court, the Commissioners Court has determined, and hereby finds and concludes:

(1) that the erection of wind powered electric generating facilities on the Subject Lands is feasible and practical and would be a benefit to the Subject Lands and to Clay County, Texas after the expiration of a tax abatement agreement entered by Clay County, Texas pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code;

(2) that the designation of the Subject Lands as a reinvestment zone will attract major investment in the zone that will be a benefit to the Subject Lands and will contribute to the economic development of Clay County, Texas;

(3) that the designation of the Subject Lands as a reinvestment zone is consistent with the tax abatement guidelines and criteria adopted by the Commissioners Court on May 10, 2010;

(4) that this order was approved by a majority of the Commissioners Court at a meeting held on August 23, 2010 which was open to the public, was preceded by proper notice, as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act), and at which a quorum of the members of the Commissioners Court were present;

(5) that the action of the Commissioners Court in approving this order followed the public hearing on the advisability of designating the Subject Lands as a reinvestment zone referred to above; and

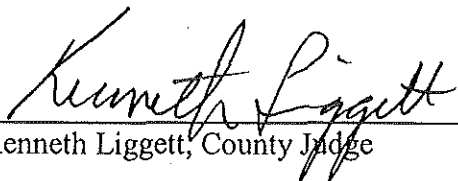
(6) that the following orders should be entered:

IT IS ORDERED, BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That the Subject Lands located in Clay County, Texas be, and such tracts hereby are, designated as the Southwest Clay County Wind Power Reinvestment Zone and are hereby declared eligible for property tax abatement as authorized by the tax abatement guidelines and criteria heretofore adopted by the Commissioner's Court on May 10, 2010.

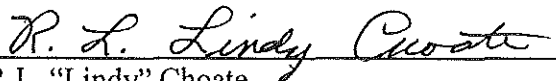
2. That the foregoing designation shall be effective for a period of five years from the date of this order; provided that such designation may be renewed by appropriate action of the Commissioners Court at a future date.

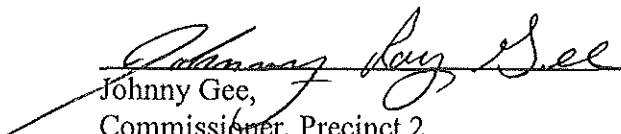
PASSED AND APPROVED on the 23rd day of August, 2010.

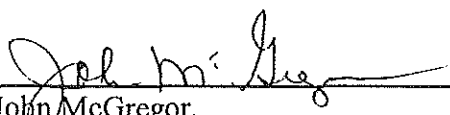

Kenneth Liggett, County Judge

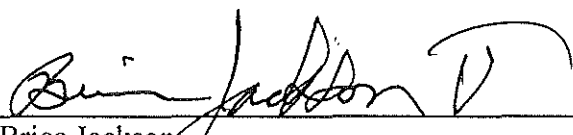
ATTEST:


Kay Hatchison, County Clerk


R.L. "Lindy" Choate
Commissioner, Precinct 1


Johnny Gee,
Commissioner, Precinct 2


John McGregor,
Commissioner, Precinct 3


Brice Jackson,
Commissioner, Precinct 4

(B)

COUNTY OF CLAY

STATE OF TEXAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT RENEWING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF CLAY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code Section 312.002 provides that no municipality or county may designate an area as a reinvestment zone, and that no taxing unit may execute a tax abatement agreement under Texas Tax Code chapter 312, unless it first (i) establishes guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements and (ii) adopts a resolution stating that the taxing unit elects to become eligible to participate in tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the County of CLAY, Texas, desires to be eligible to participate in tax abatement under certain circumstances; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
TEXAS THAT

ARTICLE I.

CLAY County, Texas elects to be eligible to participate in tax abatement.

ARTICLE II

The following guidelines and criteria were previously established, are hereby established and shall hereafter govern tax abatement agreements by the County of CLAY, Texas:

1. Improvements proposed as part of a tax abatement agreement for property located within a duly designated reinvestment zone shall be commenced within 2 years of the date of said agreement.

2. All construction proposed, as part of any such improvements, shall meet applicable County of CLAY, Texas, Codes and Zoning requirements.
3. All property included in a tax abatement shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable County of CLAY, Texas, Codes and Zoning requirements during the term of the tax abatement agreement.
4. Throughout tax abatement agreement, the owner(s) or persons in possession and control of the improvements located thereon which is included within an area which is the subject of a tax abatement agreement shall pay all lawfully assessed ad valorem taxes levied on such property before the same shall become delinquent.
5. For property located in a commercial and/or industrial reinvestment zone, and proposed as the subject of a tax abatement agreement, the following criteria shall apply:
 - a. The proposed improvements must have the effect of increasing the value of the real property upon which they are located; and,
 - b. The proposed improvements shall have the effect of adding to the available number of jobs and/or retaining existing jobs in the greater CLAY County, Texas area.
6. For residential property located in a residential reinvestment zone, and proposed as the subject of a tax abatement agreement, the following criteria shall apply:
 - a. The proposed improvements shall address the blighting or deteriorating influences on the subject property;
 - b. The proposed improvements shall address building safety, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, or property deterioration; and
 - c. Where applicable, the improvements shall address faulty lot layout with respect to size, accessibility, or usefulness.
7. All improvements proposed, as part of a tax abatement agreement, shall further the purposes established by the Legislature of the State of Texas in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.
8. In accordance with Texas Tax Code section 312.002, these guidelines and criteria shall not limit the discretion of the County to decide whether to enter into a specific tax abatement agreement. Accordingly, the County may enter into a particular tax abatement agreement whenever it determines that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into such agreement and provide such abatement with respect to a particular applicant, In doing so, the County may vary from the

provisions of this Tax Abatement Policy Statement in any respect that is not contrary to state law.

ARTICLE III

This resolution shall be effective from its adoption on May 10, 2010, for the full period authorized by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16 day
of May, 2010

COUNTY OF CLAY

Kenneth Liggett
Kenneth Liggett,
County Judge of CLAY County, Texas

R. L. "Lindy" Choate
R. L. "Lindy" Choate,
County Commissioner, Prec. 1, CLAY County

Johnny Gee
Johnny Gee,
County Commissioner, Prec. 2, CLAY County

John McGregor
John McGregor,
County Commissioner, Prec. 3, CLAY County

Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson,
County Commissioner, Prec. 4, CLAY County

ATTEST:

Kay Hutchison
Kay Hutchison,
County Clerk of CLAY County, Texas

Appendix C

Request Minimum Job Waiver

1. Number of Jobs Necessary for Industry Standard Operation
2. Minimum Job Waiver Request Form
3. Supporting Letter FLP (October 2007)
4. Supporting Letter -Cumming West

Appendix C

Appendix C1: New Job Creation and Limitations

Summary: This appendix specifies the standards number of jobs required to operate an industrial wind farm based on the number of turbines installed. It will be used as a basis for the request for a governing body waiver for the minimum job creation amount.

South Clay--Shannon-1 wind project specifications are as follows:

200 megawatt-nameplate

This will include 111 1.8 wind turbines depending upon turbine size to reach the 200 megawatt maximum capacity rating. The following jobs will be created as full time positions and will continue throughout the full 20+ years of the project life. Some overlapping of duties may occur, but a minimum of 9 jobs will always exist during the projects life.

South Clay--Shannon-1 Wind Farm Salaries starting Yr 2012

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Industry Standard</u>
7 Jobs	Turbine Technicians	>\$41,000/yr (\$788/wk)	\$27K to \$36K w/exp
1 Job	HV / Plant Technician	>\$45,000/yr	\$45K-\$65K
1 job	Site Manager	>\$50,000	>\$50K

Total jobs created with at least 80% meeting the 110% wage rate requirement will be created. In addition, a number of temporary jobs will exist during the initial construction period.

The above positions are based on the industry standard of 1 maintenance technician for every 15 wind turbines plus a Site Manager and a High Voltage and Plant Technician.

For this Appraisal Value Limitation Form 50-296, the **South Clay--Shannon-1 project is applying for a Minimum Job Waiver based on the industry standard job creation number.** Nine permanent jobs are needed to operate the 200 megawatt wind farm which is less the 10 jobs for rural school districts requirements.

Horn Wind, LLC
219 Virgie Lane
Windthorst, TX 76389

August 01, 2010

Dear Mr. Adams and Clay County School Board:

Horn Wind, LLC request on behalf of the South Clay--Shannon-1 project a waiver for the minimum jobs creation requirement as provided under Tax Code 313.0025 for our Application for Appraisal Value Limitation-Texas Tax Form 50-296.

Page 9 of Form 50-296 allows for the submission of a minimum jobs waiver request. Industry standards show the need for only 9 jobs for the wind project of 200 Megawatt. This standard is documented on the attached letter from FPL, a wind industry leader. The South Clay--Shannon-1 project job breakdown is outlined below.

Project: 200MW-nameplate (111 turbines)

Positions

7 Jobs Turbine Technicians
1 Jobs HV and Plant Technician
1 Job Site Manager

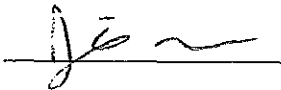
The project will include 111 wind turbines to reach the 200MW capacity rating. The jobs will be created as full time positions and will continue through the full project life. The above positions are based on the industry standard of 1 Maintenance technician for every 15 wind turbines plus a Site Manager and a High Voltage/Plant Technician.

Please, consider this request for your governing body to waive the minimum job creation requirement for the South Clay--Shannon-1 projects Application for Appraisal Value Limitation.

Thank you for your time.

Please denote decision to accept or decline below.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Horn
President
Horn Wind, LLC

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Decision: _____



FPL Energy

October 22, 2007

VIA E-MAIL

Amalia Hanley
O'HANLON, McCOLLUM & DEMERATH
Attorneys-at-law
808 West Ave.
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mali,

Included in our Applications for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, Texas Form HB-1200, for Coyote Wind, LLC ("Coyote") and Wolf Ridge Wind, LLC ("Wolf") was a statement in Step 5: Economic Impact, Question 3 – Estimate the average weekly wage rate for qualifying jobholders that declared Coyote and Wolf's average weekly wage rate was "Greater than 110% of the average weekly manufacturing wages." This statement was included because the weekly wages for both Coyote and Wolf are estimated to be greater than the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313 requirement of wages greater than 110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county where the jobs are located.

At the time of completion of Form HB-1200, Coyote and Wolf had obsolete information as to the current average weekly wage for both Borden County (Coyote) and Cooke County (Wolf). Therefore, the statement was added so that the applications would not be rejected on account of the obsolete number that would have been included on the Form.

As to the number of qualifying full-time jobs, wind farm projects typically involve a considerable number of part-time jobs during the construction phase. Once construction is complete, a lesser number of highly-skilled technicians are required for the long-term operation of the wind farm. Coyote and Wolf typically estimate, that after completion of construction of the wind farm, approximately one full-time skilled technician may support approximately fifteen turbines.

In addition to the technicians discussed above, other project related full-time employees include a site leader, a plant technician, and a high voltage technician.

Note that these are only estimates and these figures may vary based on location, site conditions, the size of the turbines and the size of the wind farm, and manufacturer service and support levels.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions with respect to the applications for Coyote and Wolf.

Best regards,

Kevin O'Steen, CPA

CUMMINGS WESTLAKE LLC

12837 Louetta Road, Suite 201 Cypress, Texas 77429-5611 713-266-4456 713-266-2333 (Fax)

October 31, 2007

Mr. Travis James
Texas Perspectives
1310 S. 1st Street, Suite 105
Austin, TX 78704

Re: Wind Project Job Creation – Wildhorse Mountain Wind, LLC

Dear Mr. James:

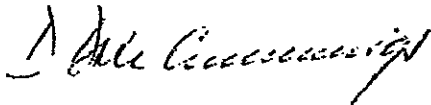
Our clients have been asked to provide background information on the creation of full-time jobs by a wind project. Wind projects create a large number of construction jobs but require a small number of highly skilled technicians to operate a wind project once commercial operations start.

The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations, and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the project. Based upon a survey of our clients who are experienced developers and operators of large scale wind projects, we find that industry standard for permanent employment is one full-time employee for every fifteen turbines. This number can and does vary depending upon the turbine selected and the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer.

In addition to the onsite employees described above, there may be asset managers or technicians who supervise, monitor, and support wind project operations from offsite locations.

If you have questions, would you please contact me at 713-266-4456, extension 1 or by email at dcummings@cwlp.net?

Sincerely,



D. Dale Cummings

Appendix D

Conditional Requirements for ‘Qualifying Jobs’ 80% meet ‘Qualifying Jobs’

1. TWC- New Jobs Meet Qualifications
2. 2008 Manufacturing Wages – NORTEX Region
3. Quarterly Employment & Wages
 - a. 2009 Clay County - All Industries
 - b. 2009 Clay County - Manufacturing
 - c. 2009 North Texas - Manufacturing
 - d. 2009 North Texas - All Industries
 - e. 2009 Texas, Statewide - All Industries
4. Rural School District Requirements 313.051
5. Business Development Smart Jobs 481.151

Appendix D

Appendix D1: - Condition Requirements for 'Qualifying Jobs'.

Texas Work Force - New jobs meet qualification

Summary: This appendix is information about and the meeting of qualifications for the 'Qualifying Jobs' requirement on Form 50-296, page 9 & 10.

To meet specification for 'Qualifying Jobs', the below requirements must be met:

(X) "Qualifying job" means a permanent full-time job that:

- (A) requires at least 1,600 hours of work a year;
- (B) is not transferred from one area in this state to another area in this state;
- (C) is not created to replace a previous employee;
- (D) is covered by a group health benefit plan (as defined by Section 481.151, Government Code) for which the business offers to pay at least 80 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive the coverage; and
- (E) pays at least 110 percent of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county where the job is located per Tax Code Section 313.051 (b).

(Ref: Tax Code Section 313.021)

Requirements A, B & C:

The 200MW wind farm will create at least 9 full-time jobs. At least 80% of these jobs will meet the qualifications of 'Qualifying Jobs'. The project is a permanent fixture with a 20 year expected life. The required number and specifications for these wind project jobs are detailed in Appendix C: Number of jobs necessary for industry. Also, Appendix C: Minimum Job Waiver and the following two support letters document industry operating standards from wind industry leaders.

All of the newly created jobs will be full-time (at least 1600 hours) and will have been created in the area. None of these new jobs will be created to replace previous employees. No jobs will be transferred in from other areas of the state.

Requirements D & E: Group Health Benefits Plan and Wage Requirement

Government Code 481.151 specifies the requirements to meet a 'Qualifying Job'.

Specifications from Gov Code 481.151:

(Item 6) "Group Health Benefit Plan" means:

- (A) a health plan provided by a health maintenance organization established under the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act (Chapter 20A, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code);
- (B) a health benefit plan approved by the commissioner of insurance; or

(C) a self-funded or self-insured employee welfare benefit plan that provides health benefits and is established in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.), as amended.

(Item 17) "Qualified job" means a job for which an application has been submitted and that:

(A) pays at least 100 of the county average weekly wage; and

(B) is covered by a group health benefit plan for which the business offers to pay at least 50 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive coverage.

(Ref: Gov Code , 481.151, item 6 & 17)

Tax Form 50-296 (Ref: Tax Code Section 313.021) is more stringent than Gov Code 481.151 but both requirements are met as defined below.

Requirement D, Health Benefits Plan, will be fulfilled as specified in Form 50-296, Page 10.

Requirement E, the 110 percent of Manufacturing Wage rate requirements is fulfilled as specified per Form 50-296, Page 10. The Clay County and NORTEX RPC wage rates are detailed below and on the following attachments. The 2009 2, 3 and 4th quarters and 2010 1st quarter wage results from these attachments are shown below:

NORTEX Average Weekly Wage (Manufacturing): \$711/week

\$711/weekly x 52 = \$36,982

\$36,982 x 110% = \$40,680

Clay County Average weekly wage (Manufacturing): \$604.75

\$604.75/weekly x 52 = \$31,447

\$31,447 x 110% = \$34,591.70

Clay County Average weekly wage (All Industries): \$577

\$577/weekly x 52 = \$30,004

\$30,004 x 110% = \$33,004.40

South Clay—Shannon-1 Project Salaries starting Yr 2012:

7 jobs	Turbine Technicians	\$41,000/yr (\$788/wk)	\$27K to \$36K with/exp
1 job	HV and Plant Technician	\$45,000/yr	\$45K to \$65K
1 job	Site Manager	\$80,000/yr	>50K

As shown here, a total of 9 jobs will be created with at least 80% meeting the 110% wage rate requirement and fulfilling the Health Benefit Plan requirement.

Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW) Attached
2008 Manufacturing Wages - NORTEX Region Attached

Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2010	1st Qtr	Clay County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$534
2009	2nd Qtr	Clay County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$568
2009	3rd Qtr	Clay County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$587
2009	4th Qtr	Clay County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$619

$$2308/4 = 577 * 52 \text{ weeks} = 30004 \times 110\% = 33,004.40$$

Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

Page 1 of 1 (40 results/page)

Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2010	1st Qtr	Clay County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$571
2009	2nd Qtr	Clay County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$492
2009	3rd Qtr	Clay County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$515
2009	4th Qtr	Clay County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$841

$$2419/4 = 604.75 * 52 \text{ weeks} = 31447 \times 110\% = 34,591.70$$

2008 Manufacturing Wages by COG

$$36,982 / 52 \text{ weeks} = 711 * 110\% = 782$$

2008 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region
Wages for All Occupations

COG	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Texas	\$20.61	\$42,872
1. <u>Panhandle Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$18.23	\$37,916
2. <u>South Plains Association of Governments</u>	\$14.81	\$30,799
3. <u>NORTEX Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$17.78	\$36,982
4. <u>North Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$22.60	\$47,011
5. <u>Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u>	\$15.50	\$32,239
6. <u>East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$16.07	\$33,431
7. <u>West Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$16.30	\$33,904
8. <u>Rio Grande Council of Governments</u>	\$14.93	\$31,048
9. <u>Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$17.51	\$36,422
10. <u>Concho Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$14.07	\$29,274
11. <u>Heart of Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$17.19	\$35,749
12. <u>Capital Area Council of Governments</u>	\$24.50	\$50,969
13. <u>Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$14.93	\$31,052
14. <u>Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$15.42	\$32,066
15. <u>South East Texas Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$24.60	\$51,161
16. <u>Houston-Galveston Area Council</u>	\$21.80	\$45,353
17. <u>Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$18.72	\$38,932
18. <u>Alamo Area Council of Governments</u>	\$16.50	\$34,330
19. <u>South Texas Development Council</u>	\$13.76	\$28,631
20. <u>Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u>	\$22.61	\$47,037
21. <u>Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council</u>	\$13.05	\$27,145
22. <u>Texoma Council of Governments</u>	\$17.99	\$37,415
23. <u>Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$16.47	\$34,255
24. <u>Middle Rio Grande Development Council</u>	\$13.85	\$28,810

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: 9 June 2009

Data published annually, next update will be June 2010.

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

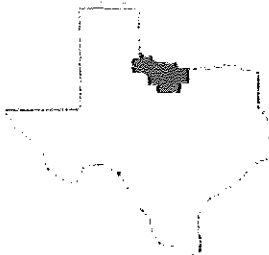
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**Nortex
Regional
Planning
Commission**

About Us



Nortex Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a region-wide voluntary association of local governments. Its service area is 9,461 square miles and contains approximately 224,336 people. NRPC's mission is to serve its members as the instrument of local government cooperation and coordination for the purpose of improving the health, safety, and general welfare of their citizens. NRPC is the entity through which local governments consider issues and cooperate in addressing area wide problems. NRPC is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of local elected officials, representing member government bodies within the region.

History of COG

Nortex Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) was formed January 27, 1966, under the authority provided by Article 1011m, V.A.C.S., of the 59th Texas Legislature, authorizing counties, cities, and political subdivisions of the State of Texas to establish regional planning commissions. The counties of Archer, Clay, and Wichita established Nortex in 1966. Since its inception, NRPC has worked well in conjunction with local as well as state and federal governments. Past initiatives have been in the area of emergency medical services, alcohol abuse, maternal infant healthcare, and housing. Current programs have afforded NRPC the responsibility of implementing regional programs addressing aging, employment, 9-1-1 emergency services, solid waste, community development, etc. Since the 1980's NRPC has the instrument for reviewing grant applications that originate in the Nortex region. This insures that projects awarded with federal and/or state dollars are consistent with local and area wide plans. This review process promotes an efficient use of taxpayer's dollars.

Functions

The general purpose of Nortex Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is to plan for the unified, far-reaching development of the North Texas region, eliminate duplication of services, and promote economy and efficiency through coordination. Regional services include: Providing technical assistance to local member governments in economic development, community development, demographics, planning, grant applications, and other areas. Administering federal or state programs that benefit from regional cooperation such as economic development, 9-1-1 emergency service, criminal justice, and drug enforcement, community development, solid waste, employment and training, and services to the elderly. Coordinating federal, state, and local projects or issues that cross the boundaries of individual governments.

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2009	1st Qtr	Clay County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$564
2009	2nd Qtr	Clay County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$562
2009	3rd Qtr	Clay County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$576
2009	4th Qtr	Clay County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$598

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2009	1st Qtr	Clay County	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$385
2009	2nd Qtr	Clay County	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$492
2009	3rd Qtr	Clay County	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$515
2009	4th Qtr	Clay County	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$841

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2009	1st Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$978
2009	2nd Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$856
2009	3rd Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$890
2009	4th Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$1,050

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2009	1st Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$635
2009	2nd Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$602
2009	3rd Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$622
2009	4th Qtr	North Texas WDA	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$701

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2009	1st Qtr	Texas	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$905
2009	2nd Qtr	Texas	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$844
2009	3rd Qtr	Texas	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$843
2009	4th Qtr	Texas	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$963

SUBCHAPTER C. LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN CERTAIN
RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

For expiration of this subchapter, see Sec. 313.007

§ 313.051. APPLICABILITY.

Text of section effective January 1, 2008

(a) This subchapter applies only to a school district that has territory in:

(1) a strategic investment area, as defined by Section 171.721; or

(2) a county:

(A) that has a population of less than 50,000;
and

(B) in which, from 1990 to 2000, according to the federal decennial census, the population:

(i) remained the same;

(ii) decreased; or

(iii) increased, but at a rate of not more than three percent per annum.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if on January 1, 2002, this subchapter applied to a school district in whose territory is located a federal nuclear facility, this subchapter continues to apply to the school district regardless of whether the school district ceased or ceases to be described by Subsection (a) after that date.

(b) The governing body of a school district to which this subchapter applies may enter into an agreement in the same manner as a school district to which Subchapter B applies may do so under Subchapter B, subject to Sections 313.052-313.054. Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, the provisions of Subchapter B apply to a school district to which this subchapter applies. For purposes of this subchapter, a property owner is required to create only at least 10 new jobs on the owner's qualified property. At least 80 percent of all the new jobs created must be qualifying jobs as defined by Section 313.021(3), except that, for a school district described by Subsection (a)(2), each qualifying job must pay at least 110 percent of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region designated for the regional planning commission, council of governments, or similar regional planning agency created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code, in which the district is located.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1505, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002.

Amended by Acts 2006, 79th Leg., 3rd C.S., ch. 1, § 16(e), eff. Jan. 1, 2008.

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1186, Sec. 11, eff. June 19, 2009.

SUBCHAPTER J. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT?SMART JOBS FUND PROGRAM

7 481.151. Definitions

Text of section effective until December 31, 2001

In this subchapter:

(1) "County average weekly wage" means the average weekly wage paid by all employers in a county that are covered by unemployment compensation insurance, as determined by the Texas Workforce Commission for the most recent period for which data is available.

(2) "Employee" means an individual who performs services for another under a contract of hire, whether express or implied, or oral or written.

(3) "Employer" means a person that employs one or more employees.

(4) "Executive director" means the executive director of the department.

(5) "Existing employer" means an employer that:

(A) has been liable to pay contributions under Subtitle A, Title 4, Labor Code, for more than one year;

(B) has employees; and

(C) is in compliance with the reporting and payment requirements of Subtitle A, Title 4, Labor Code, as determined by the Texas Workforce Commission.

(6) "Group health benefit plan" means:

(A) a health plan provided by a health maintenance organization established under the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act (Chapter 20A, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code);

(B) a health benefit plan approved by the commissioner of insurance; or

(C) a self-funded or self-insured employee welfare benefit plan that provides health benefits and is established in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.), as amended.

(7) "In-kind contribution" means a noncash contribution of goods and services provided by an employer as all or part of the employer's matching share of a grant or project.

(8) "Job" means employment on a basis customarily considered full-time for the applicable occupation and industry.

(9) "Large business" means a business entity that employs at least 500 employees.

(10) "Medium business" means a business entity that employs more than 99 but fewer than 500 employees.

(11) "Micro-business" means a business entity that employs not more than 20 employees.

(12) "Minority employer" means a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent of the shares of which are owned by minority group members and that:

(A) is managed and, in daily operations, is controlled by minority group members; and

(B) is a domestic business entity with a home or branch office located in this state and is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation or other foreign business entity.

(13) "Minority group members" include:

(A) African-Americans;

(B) American Indians;

(C) Asian-Americans;

(D) Mexican-Americans and other Americans of Hispanic origin; and

(E) women.

(14) "Program" means the smart jobs fund program created under this subchapter.

(15) "Project" means a specific employment training project developed and implemented under this subchapter.

(16) "Provider" means a person that provides employment-related training. The term includes employers, employer associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, training consultants, public and private schools, technical institutes, junior or community colleges, senior colleges, universities, and proprietary schools, as defined by Section 132.001, Education Code.

(17) "Qualified job" means a job for which an application has been submitted and that:

ⓧ (A) pays at least 100 percent of the county average weekly wage; and

ⓧ (B) is covered by a group health benefit plan for which the business offers to pay at least 50 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive the coverage.

(18) "Small business" means a business entity that employs more than 20 but fewer than 100 employees.

(19) "Trainee" means a participant in a project funded under this subchapter.

(20) "Wages" means all forms of compensation or remuneration, excluding benefits, payable for a specific period to an employee for personal services rendered by that employee.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 1, § 2.01, eff. Sept. 1, 1993. Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, § 28, eff. May 30, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1041, § 35, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1485, § 1.01, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

§ 481.152. Smart Jobs Fund Program; Purpose; Administration

Text of section effective until December 31, 2001

(a) The smart jobs fund program is created in the department as a work force development incentive program to enhance employment opportunities for residents of this state and to increase the job skills of the existing work force by providing job training assistance to businesses operating in, or relocating to, this state.

(b) The program shall award grants for the creation and retention of qualified jobs. At least 60 percent of the money spent under the program shall be used for projects that assist existing employers. At least 20 percent shall be used for employers that relocate operations to this state.

(c) The governing board by rule shall develop and adopt a scoring system that evaluates the economic impact of grant applications and reflects the criteria set forth in this subchapter. The executive director shall use the scoring system and a competitive process to award grants. It is the intent of the legislature that, to the greatest extent practicable:

(1) money from the smart jobs fund be spent:

(A) in all areas of this state; and

(B) in approximate proportion to each region's share of the state's population, civilian labor force, unemployed, and submission of grant applications for qualified jobs; and

(2) grants shall be awarded to micro-businesses, small businesses, medium businesses, large businesses, and minority employers in a manner proportionate to the number of persons employed by those categories of businesses.

(d) The governing board and the department shall determine appropriate means to accomplish the goals of the program. As necessary to implement those goals, the governing board and the department may work in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission and the comptroller.

(e) The department shall administer the program.

(f) The executive director may employ personnel as necessary to administer the program.

(g) In implementing provisions under this subchapter regarding the classification of this state into regions, the department shall use the uniform service regions established by the comptroller under Section 120, Article V, Chapter 19, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1991 (the General Appropriations Act).

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 1, § 2.01, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1485, § 1.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Appendix E

Economic Profile of Clay County

1. Economic Profile of Clay County (assessment)
2. Clay County TWC Narrative Profile 2009

Appendix E

Appendix E1: Economic Profile of Clay County

Following is the attached TWC County Narrative Profile 2009

Summary: The appendix provides additional information for the descriptive question, "Describe the current economic conditions of the region of the state where the property is located". Below is a brief profile and the following page contains the full TWC Clay County Narrative Profile for 2009.

Brief Economic Profile for Clay County

Based on the most recent data, the local economy for Clay County and its 11,065 residents is in need of improvements on several fronts. County per capita income for 2005 was \$27,328, about 90% percent of the statewide average of \$32,460. Average weekly wages are substantially below those for the state, with a County average of \$565 for the first quarter of 2008, compared with a statewide average weekly wage of \$885. Clay County average weekly wages are only two-thirds of the state wide average.

During the same period of economic slowdown (between the 4th quarter of 2008 and the 4th quarter of 2009), gross retail sales in Clay County decreased 13.0 percent. The percentage reduction in gross retail sales in the County exceeded the average for the state, which was a decline of 9.5 percent for the same 12 month period. (The economic information presented is taken from a recent Texas Workforce Commission County Narrative Profile for Clay County.)

All the economic information presented is taken from the 2009 Texas Workforce Commission County Narrative Profile for Clay County which is attached on the following pages.

Average 2009 overall country wage rate of \$575/wk was depressed compared to the regional average and state averages, but the manufacturing sector wage rates at \$558/wk were even lower compared to the average overall regional wage rate of \$711/wk and North Texas Area of 944/wk. Below is the data taken from the Texas Workforce Commission website:

Clay County 2009 Average Weekly Wage (All Industries): \$575/week

Clay County 2009 Average Weekly Wage (Manufacturing): \$558/week

NORTEX Region 2008 Average Weekly Wage (Manufacturing): \$711/week

North Texas Area 2009 Average Weekly Wage (Manufacturing): \$944/week

North Texas Area 2009 Average Weekly Wage (All Industries): \$640/week

Texas, Statewide 2009 Average Weekly Wage (All Industries): \$889/week

The Complete 2009 TWC Clay County Narrative Profile is on the following pages.

County Narrative Profile

Clay County Report

What are County Narrative Profiles?

The Labor Market and Career Information (LMCI) department of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has developed the County Narrative Profile (CNP) as a tool for presenting Texas county based statistical data in an easy-to-read narrative format. This CNP module is one of many analytical tools available from the SOCRATES labor market information system. The narrative approach is an alternative to looking through stacks of tables and charts which can be confusing and difficult to understand or interpret. It allows the user to easily request an easy to understand report on one or more of the 254 counties in Texas. To review all the current TWC's initiatives and services, link to: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us>

Geography

Regional Information: The Clay County region (FIPS code:48077) had an estimated population of 11,065 in 2008. The region consists of 1,116 square miles with a **population density** of 9.91 residents per square mile compared to a statewide density of 91.95. This county ranked 160th in 2000 population compared to all 254 counties in Texas. Clay County is a member of TWC's North Texas Local Workforce Development region. This area is a **metropolitan** county. This county also ranked 51st in size by square miles when compared to all counties in Texas. The Clay County area is assigned to the following district(s): Texas Representative District(s) of 68 and State Senatorial District(s) of 30. The area is in the U.S. Congressional District(s) of: 13. The county seat is Henrietta and the county's **major city, town or place** is Henrietta. See Texas Online at <http://www.state.tx.us/portal/tol/en/gov/11/1> for State and local updates. Clay County is classified as a metropolitan county by virtue of either its close relationship with a significant central city or lack thereof. Using 2000 Census population data, roughly 86.05 percent of all Texas population could be found in the 76 metropolitan counties defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for 2003. In 1993 the county was classified as a rural county. Texas has established a network of 24 **Councils of Government (COGs)** to assist local governments in planning for common needs and to coordinate regional economic development activity. Clay County falls within the North Texas Regional Planning Commission region. For additional information and links to the COG regions see www.txregionalcouncil.org/.

The Office of the State Climatologist in College Station, under the guidance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, maintains 10-year intervals of weather compilations. For most recent interval as of January 1, 1993, the **rainfall** in the region averages 31.9 inches per year compared to the Texas average of 30.1 inches per year. The average growing season in the Clay County region is 232 days. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are generally irrelevant as a means of comparison. The **average temperature** in January gathered by the Office of the State Climatologist ranges from 26 degrees to an average for July of 97 degrees. The Texas Department of Agriculture estimates the **freeze dates** range from Nov 14 to Mar 27. Current and past climate information can be found at <http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather/uszone5.html> and <http://wfw.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/ncdc.html>.

Natural amenities of the area, according to the U.S. Department of Interior, reflect an overall percent of **surface water** of 1.6 percent compared to 2.5 percent statewide. The land surface form topography

for the region is described as irregular plains. Considerably more detailed information can be found at:
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/sb1/> and
http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/tx_geography.htm.

Local Workforce Boards: Clay County is a member of the TWC North Texas local workforce board area. In order to contact the board or TWC's Tele Center by phone, call 1-800-939-6631. Local addresses, references to specific needs and services can be found at the North Texas web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wda03.html>. For further information on all Local Workforce Board go to <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html>.

North Texas

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wda03.html>

In order to contact a board or TWC's Tele Center by phone, call 1-800-939-6631.

Population

County population estimates are updated periodically by the Texas State Data Center – Office of the State Demographer at the University of Texas at San Antonio. County estimates are primarily based on the 100 percent population counts from the latest April, 2000 decennial census and are calculated to reveal population change up to a current date, in this case January 2008. These estimation methodologies utilize information on births, deaths and elementary school enrollment to estimate population. In this method, migration of the school-age population is assumed to be indicative of migration in the total population (with adjustments being made for the historical differences between the school-age migration rate and the total population's rate of migration). Data on public school enrollment from the Texas Education Agency and data from the Texas State Data Center's survey of private schools in Texas are used to estimate change in the school-age population. Data on institutional populations were obtained from applicable institutions, while data on other special populations, such as the elderly population were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

According to the county-based population estimates from the Texas State Data Center, Clay County changed in population from 11,006 in April, 2000 to an estimated 11,065 in January 2008 by 59 residents. This reflects an increase of 0.5 percent in population. During the same time period, the state's population changed by 3,253,597 residents from 20,851,820 to an estimated 24,105,417 persons representing a comparative change of 15.6 percent. A variety of data topics for Texas and all the counties is available at: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html>.

The region's race/ethnic distribution in 2000 is estimated by the Census Bureau to be:

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Area Percent</u>	<u>Statewide Percent</u>
White	10,494	95.3	70.97
Black	46	0.4	11.53
Other	125	1.1	3.33
Hispanic ^o	404	3.7	31.99

^o Hispanic count includes White, Black and other representation when reported.

Population Age

The age distribution of an area can provide valuable insight into the region's economic

composition and income potential. By national standards, Texas has a relatively young population. The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Area Percent</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
Under 5	641	5.8	7.8
5-14	1,577	14.3	15.8
15-19	807	7.3	7.8
20-44	3,360	30.5	38.5
45-64	2,852	25.9	20.2
65+	1,769	16.1	9.9

While the median age for Texas was 32.30 years in 2000, the Clay County area had a median age of 40.20 according to the 2000 Census.

Population Gender

The gender distribution of an area can provide additional insight into the region's overall distribution in the population by male and female. Of the area's population, 5,333 were male which represents 48.5 percent and 5,673 were female which represents 51.5 percent. This compares to the statewide percentage of 49.6 percent for male and 50.4 percent for female.

Special Age Groups and Gender

Youth and Older Workers: Other age cohorts may be of special interest for Workforce Development Board's summer youth programs and older worker programs. The Clay County region has 1,253 persons age 14-21 representing 12.3 percent of the population. This compares with 13.3 percent statewide. For the potential older age cohort, 1,803 persons or 17.8 percent are 55 or over in the Clay County region based on the 2000 Census. This compares to 9.9 percent statewide.

Ages 25-44: If the population cohort 45 and over is higher than the state average, this suggests a stable, mature population comprised of mainly "empty-nesters," retirees and the aged. When the 25-44 age cohort is higher than the state average, this is a healthy economic situation since this group contains the greatest share of the labor force. Decreases over time in this group, especially when similar changes are not occurring statewide, can be an indication that people are moving out of an area they consider to be a poor labor market. In Clay County the total number in the age groups of 25 to 44, was 2,773 or 27.3 percent. This compares to a statewide percentage of 31.9 percent.

Ages 18 and Older: For the population generally considered in the ages to participate in the labor market, the total population who were 18 years and over totaled 14,965,061 in Texas which represented 71.8 percent of the total population. In this study area, the total persons in this age group was 8,271 or 75.1 percent of the total population. Within this age group in Texas the number of males in 2000 who were 18 years and over represented 7,338,177 persons or 35.2 percent of the total population while females age 18 years and over represented 7,626,884 or 36.6 percent. In the Clay County area, males 18 and over represented 3,987 or 36.2 percent in comparison and females totaled to 4,284 or 38.9 percent.

Veteran Status: According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, the area had 8,230 persons in the

population age 18 years and older in the year 2000. Of that number, 1,387 or 16.9 percent responded as being a civilian veteran, compared to 11.8 percent statewide. A "civilian veteran" is a person 18 years old or over who has served (even for a short time), but is not now serving, on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, or who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. People who served in the National Guard or military Reserves are classified as veterans only if they were ever called or ordered to active duty, not counting the 4-6 months for initial training or yearly summer camps.

Disability Status: From the 2000 Census, data on Disability Status were derived when respondents reported long-lasting conditions: (a) blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment, (sensory disability) and (b) a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying (physical disability). Disability status was also derived if the individuals in the working age range of 21 to 64 years had a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more that made it difficult to perform certain activities such as: (a) learning, remembering, or concentrating (mental disability); (b) dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home (self-care disability); (c) going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office (going outside the home disability); and (d) working at a job or business (employment disability).

It was reported in the 2000 Census that the area had an estimated 2,464 persons residing there between the ages of 5 to 20 years of age with approximately 225 or 9.1 percent with a disability. In Texas, the percent with disabilities in this same age bracket was 7.9 percent. In the working age population group - ages 21 to 64 years, the area had approximately 6,065 persons, of which 1,165 were categorized to be in a disability status. This represented 19.2 percent compared to 19.9 percent in the state overall. For those persons in this age group that had a disability, approximately 655 or 56.2 percent were employed. For those who had no disability, an estimated 3,945 or 80.5 percent were employed. For the retirement age group of 65 years of age and older, 1,699 persons resided of which 774 were disabled. The percent of this age group with a disabled status was 45.6 percent and this compared to 44.8 percent in Texas overall.

Ages 65 and Older: For the population who are considered to be at the age of retirement or older - 65 years and older, the total number of persons in Texas was 2,072,532 or 9.9 percent of the total population in 2000. This region had a total of 1,769 or 16.1 percent in this older age group. In the same age group of 65 years and over, males in Texas represented 862,181 or 4.1 percent of the total population and females totaled to 1,210,351 or 5.8 percent, while in this study area, males totaled to 774 or 7.0 percent of all persons in this area and females represented 995 or 9.0 percent of all persons. For other general and special population information from the 2000 Census as well as specific populations topics, link to <http://www.census.gov/census2000/states/tx.html>.

Population Projections

The Office of the State Demographer for the State of Texas distributes the most widely used population projections for Texas. **Projection estimates** in these tables and the methodology for **migration scenarios** have been revised as of 2006 by the Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer - now housed at University of Texas San Antonio. Each projection series includes three scenarios resulting in three alternative sets of population values for the State and each county are presented in these projections. These scenarios assume the same set of mortality and fertility assumptions in each scenario but differ in their assumptions relative to net migration. The net migration assumptions made for three scenarios are derived from 1990-2000 patterns which have been altered relative to expected future population trends. This is done by systematically and uniformly altering the adjusted 1990-2000 net migration rates by age, sex and race/ethnicity. The scenarios so produced are referred to as the zero migration (0.0)

scenario, the one-half 1990-2000 (0.5) scenario, the 1990-2000 (1.0) scenario and the 1990-2000 (2.0) scenario.

The recommended scenario for most county based projection reporting used is believed to be the 0.5 scenario as most appropriate scenario for most counties in Texas. This scenario has been prepared as an approximate average of the zero (0.0) and 1990-2000 (1.0) scenarios. It assumes rates of net migration one-half of those of the 1990s. The reason for including this scenario is that many counties in the State are unlikely to continue to experience the overall levels of relatively extensive growth of the 1990s. A scenario which projects rates of population growth that are approximately an average of the zero and the 1990-2000 scenarios is one that suggests slower but steadier growth than occurred during 1990-2000 (For a more detailed discussion see <http://txsdc.utsa.edu>).

Using this projection scenario, the following table represents population projections for Clay County:

Population Projections and Percent Change Since 2000*										
Year	Total	Pct Chg	Anglo	Pct Chg	Black	Pct Chg	Hispanic	Pct Chg	Other	Pct Chg
2000	11,006	---	10,435	---	45	---	404	---	122	---
2005	11,193	1.7	10,592	1.5	48	6.7	426	5.4	127	4.1
2010	11,394	3.5	10,756	3.1	49	8.9	456	12.9	133	9.0
2015	11,561	5.0	10,886	4.3	48	6.7	490	21.3	137	12.3
2020	11,682	6.1	10,974	5.2	48	6.7	518	28.2	142	16.4
2025	11,677	6.1	10,940	4.8	49	8.9	540	33.7	148	21.3
2030	11,543	4.9	10,804	3.5	50	11.1	546	35.1	143	17.2
2035	11,275	2.4	10,544	1.0	49	8.9	544	34.7	138	13.1
2040	10,957	-0.4	10,238	-1.9	48	6.7	541	33.9	130	6.6

* Anglo, Black, and Other excludes Hispanic counts.

For comparison purposes, the Texas population projections, using the same scenario methodology, are as follows:

Population Projections and Percent Change Since 2000*										
Year	Total	Pct Chg	Anglo	Pct Chg	Black	Pct Chg	Hispanic	Pct Chg	Other	Pct Chg
2000	20,851,820	---	11,074,716	---	2,421,653	---	6,669,666	---	685,785	---
2005	22,556,054	8.2	11,327,875	2.3	2,588,604	6.9	7,820,854	17.3	818,721	19.4
2010	24,330,612	16.7	11,533,974	4.1	2,754,744	13.8	9,080,436	36.1	961,458	40.2
2015	26,156,715	25.4	11,694,533	5.6	2,913,063	20.3	10,436,536	56.5	1,112,583	62.2
2020	28,005,788	34.3	11,796,493	6.5	3,052,401	26.0	11,882,998	78.2	1,273,896	85.8
2025	29,897,443	43.4	11,830,579	6.8	3,170,986	30.9	13,448,469	101.6	1,447,409	111.1
2030	31,830,589	52.7	11,789,298	6.5	3,268,616	35.0	15,140,100	127.0	1,632,575	138.1
2035	33,789,668	62.0	11,682,014	5.5	3,345,684	38.2	16,934,444	153.9	1,827,526	166.5
2040	35,761,201	71.5	11,525,112	4.1	3,403,169	40.5	18,804,298	181.9	2,028,622	195.8

* Anglo, Black, and Other excludes Hispanic counts.

County to County Migration

Out-Migration: Using Internal Revenue Service (IRS) information regarding changes in residences between two filing years 2007 and 2008, statistics regarding moving in and out of counties can reveal patterns of migration as well as patterns of out-of-state and foreign migration to and from selected counties. During this time Clay County reported 3,827 total tax returns were matched to tabulate outflow migration. Of these returns approximately 9.9 percent showed a change in residences by moving out from their originating county in 2007 to another county in 2008. Of these who moved out

of their original county, 77.6 percent moved to another county within Texas, while 22.4 percent moved to a different state but within the U.S. Those who moved from their originating county in the year 2007 to a foreign country in 2008 was approximately 0.0 percent.

The IRS county migration data reports income by the number of returns and the number of exemptions. The number of returns - as a unit of analysis may be used as a proxy for household income and the number of exemptions may be used as a proxy for the number of individuals in a family. Using the number of returns for household income, the Clay County overall has an average household earnings of \$47,952. Of those households which remained in the same area, an average reported non-migrating household income of \$49,199 during the period 2007 to 2008. Total income earned by 380 households leaving the region was \$13,926,000 which represents an average income of \$36,647.

The top 3 counties showing the most households and their average income leaving Clay County to other counties during 2007 to 2008 were:

County and State	Households Moving Out	Average Income Moving Out
Wichita County, TX	176	\$37,977
Montague County, TX	13	\$31,692
Tarrant County, TX	12	\$43,583

In-Migration: During the period 2007 to 2008, there were approximately 3,768 total tax returns were matched to calculate inflow migration. Of these returns approximately 8.5 percent showed a change in residences by moving in from their originating county in 2007 to a county in the study area in 2008. Of these who moved into the study area from another county, 80.1 percent moved from other counties in Texas, while 19.9 percent moved from a county in a different state but within the U.S. Those who moved into the study area during the 2007-2008 period from a foreign country was approximately 0.0 percent.

Using the number of returns as a proxy for household income, the Clay County overall has an average household earnings of \$48,230. Of those households which remained in the same area, had an average reported non-migrating household income of \$49,199 during the period 2007 to 2008. Total income earned by 321 households entering the region was \$12,141,000 which represents an average income of \$37,822.

The top 4 counties showing the most households and their average income migrating into Clay County from other counties during 2007 to 2008 were:

County and State	Households Moving In	Average Income Moving In
Wichita County, TX	129	\$35,233
Montague County, TX	18	\$35,167
Tarrant County, TX	14	\$45,714
Archer County, TX	10	\$44,600

Change in Aggregated Earnings: Gains and losses of residential earnings and buying power due to a

migration can be reflected in observed differences in aggregate dollars entering and leaving an area. County to county migration information from the IRS shows a net change for the Clay County region of \$-1,785,000.00. A positive value represents an increase in earnings for an area and a negative value represents a loss of income during the 2007 - 2008 period.

Vital Statistics: According to the Texas Department of State Health Services for vital statistics for the year 2004, the Clay County area had a total of 100 live births which represents a **live birth rate** of 8.8 births for every 1,000 persons in the study area compared to a statewide rate of 17.0 births per 1,000 persons in the population. The area had a total of 100 deaths representing a rate of 8.8 for every 1,000 persons compared to a statewide rate of 6.8.

Employment

Civilian Labor Force (CLF): The most recent civilian labor force estimates from TWC for Texas statewide in May 2010 is 12,162,174 which is an increase in the labor force of 289,726 persons since May 2009. This represents a 2.4 percent change in Texas during this time period. These estimates are not seasonally adjusted. Clay County had a civilian labor force of 6,111 for May 2010 which was a change of 28 in CLF since May 2009. This change represented an increase of 0.5 percent for the study area. For another glimpse into TWC/LMI's Texas and County information, link to: <http://www.tracer2.com/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Labforce>.

Economic Diversification: Relative to the Texas economy, the LMCI economic diversification index measures the degree to which a county economy is diversified. Significant concentrations of employment in only one or two industrial sectors makes an area less diversified and more susceptible to widespread economic decline should a key sector suffer a significant loss. While economic diversification or a balanced distribution of employment across all major industry sectors, is generally desirable, in some cases, especially where a region is exploiting a comparative advantage (such as access to raw materials, access to transportation routes, etc.) a statistically diverse economy does not necessarily correlate with higher growth. Of the three levels of diversification ranging from below average, average and above average, Clay County had an economic base which is of average diversity.

Occupations: The best source of occupational information at the county level is from the 2000 Census. The total number of persons 16 years of age or older who were employed in Clay County during the 2000 Census was 5,307. The following presents a table of those employed by occupational categories for this region compared to statewide percentages:

<u>Occupational Categories</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Area Percent</u>	<u>Statewide Percent</u>
Mgmt., Professional Occs.	1,522	28.7	33.3
Service Occupations	706	13.3	14.6
Sales and Office Occupations	1,351	25.5	27.2
Farming/Fishing/Forestry Occs.	202	3.8	0.7
Constr., Extraction Occs.	610	11.5	10.9
Production, Transport. Occs.	916	17.3	13.2

Class of Worker: Another way to view the types of workers in an area's labor force is by class of

worker. According to the 2000 Census, the area had 3,512 employees who were private wage and salary workers representing 66.2 percent of all workers. The region had another 988 persons who were government workers or 18.6 percent, 751 who were self employed workers or 14.2 percent and 56 who were unpaid family workers representing 1.1 percent. This compares to the Texas statewide distribution of 78.0 percent for private wage and salary workers, 14.6 percent for government workers, 7.1 percent for self employed, and 0.3 percent for unpaid family workers.

Unemployment: According to TWC unemployment figures for May 2010 Clay County had an unemployment estimate of 391 persons which represents a rate of 6.4 compared to a Texas statewide unemployment rate of 8.0 for the same month. For the study area these estimates represent an increase from May 2009 unemployment rate of 6.3 percent. The Texas statewide unemployment rate was 7.3 for May 2009. For the latest unemployment rates, see TWC's LMI website - Unemployment Rates (LAUS): <http://www.tracer2.com/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Labforce> and for a description of methodology link to: <http://www.tracer2.com/article.asp?ARTICLEID=148>.

Reporting Establishments: The TWC indicates 184 business reporting units operating in Clay County in the first quarter of 2008 with an average of 9.53 workers per unit. Average firm size makes a difference for job hunting and job development strategy because larger firms tend to have better defined ports of entry and in-house training capabilities. Although definitions vary greatly, small business can be defined as less than 50 workers and medium sized is 250 or less. The Texas average is 22.86 workers per unit. Regions with higher than average number of workers per unit tend to be dominated economically by a few very large employers.

Commuting to Work: Commuting to work for workers 16 years and over has a number of implications for transportation and municipal services study. Clay County had a total of 4,173 or 79.5 percent who drove their car to work alone, 684 or 13.0 percent who car pooled, 13 or 0.2 percent used public transportation, 111 or 2.1 percent who walked to work, 56 or 1.1 percent of regional workers who used other means to work, and 212 or 4.0 percent who worked at home. These methods of commuting to work compare to the Texas statewide results by: car alone (77.7%), car pool (14.5%), public transportation (1.9%), walked (1.9%), other means (1.3%), and worked at home (2.8%). The average travel time to work in minutes was 26.60 for the region as compared to an overall statewide average of 25.4 minutes.

Employers by Employee Size Class: Employer contact information and employee size ranges are collected and updated by the Analyst Resource Center from InfoUSA Inc. The most current release is a product called the Employer Database 2010 1st Edition. This product shows that the area had approximately 43 establishments which employed 10 or more employees. Of these employers, approximately 0.0 percent employed over 1000 employees, 0.0 percent employed between approximately 500 and 999 employees, 2.3 percent employed between approximately 100 and 499 employees, 16.3 percent employed between 50 and 99 employees, 32.6 percent employed between 20 and 49 employees, and 48.8 percent employed between approximately 10 and 19 employees.

Top 4 Manufacturers for the Clay County Region:

- American Tower
- Kerr Feed & Grain
- Pierce Sales
- Silver Creek Homes Inc

Income

Personal Income: According to the most recent data released by the BEA 2005, Clay County's total personal income, excluding farm, was \$298,300,000 which represented an increase of \$17,996,000 when compared to the 2004 total personal income, excluding farm, of \$ 280,304,000. For Statewide personal income, the total of \$686,943,289,000 for 2004 and \$741,099,703,000 for the year 2004, shows an increase of \$54,156,414,000. This indicates that Clay County has a personal income showing a rate change of 6.4 percent compared to the statewide income at a rate change of 7.9 percent for the same period. Income from all government and government enterprises for the area was a total of \$21,397,000 for the year 2005. This was an increase of 4.3 percent from the 2004 figure of \$20,509,000. Texas statewide had an increase of 5.7 percent for **government income**. **Military income**, excluding federal civilian income, for 2005 was \$1,029,000 compared to \$916,000 in 2004 for the study area. This was an increase of 12.3 percent compared to a statewide change of no change percent for the same period. For further information link to: <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>.

Per Capita Income: Total personal income is a widely used measure of regional economic health while per capita income is generally used to compare the relative well-being of residents across areas (not accounting for differences in area cost of living). The per capita personal income for 2005 was \$27,328 in Clay County while Texas statewide had a per capita income of \$32,460. For more information on this data, please go to <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>.

Government Transfer Payments: The Clay County region received over \$52,936,000 in transfer of payments in FY2005 which reflected a \$4,723 per capita transfer payment compared to the Texas per capita payment of \$4,194. Transfer payments includes the total amount of government allocations to people who qualify for income assistance. This consists largely of supplemental security income payments, family assistance, general assistance payments, food stamp payments, and other assistance payments, including emergency assistance. For more information on this data, please go to <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>.

Residence Adjustment: Some areas function as major employment centers and others serve as "bedroom communities". This means that residents may work in one region but live, pay taxes and spend most of their income in their resident region. The degree to which a regional area serves as a bedroom community can be measured by a "residence adjustment" to the area personal income. The residence adjustment in the Clay County region was \$107,736 in 2005. By 2006 the adjustment represented an increase to \$121,561. A negative number implies that workers commute into the region to earn income but do not reside there. Growth over time of negative residence adjustments generally implies an eroding tax base for the region. Similarly, a positive figure implies that on balance the region exports jobs and income to residents of other regions. For more information on this data, please go to <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>.

Average Weekly Wage: TWC reported an average weekly wage during 1st quarter 2007 for all covered wages and salaried employment in the Clay County region to be \$563.10. Average weekly wages for 1st quarter 2008 was \$564.98, an increase of 0.3 percent. This is compared to a decrease of -2.1 percent statewide for the same period of time. The Texas statewide average weekly wage in the 1st quarter of 2008 was \$884.74. These wage data are the result of the reported quarterly wages and salaries paid by employers divided by 13 weeks. For the most current information, link to: <http://www.tracer2.com/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Industry>

UI Benefits: The region had \$331,014 in Unemployment Insurance benefits paid during calendar year 2008. In the Clay County region, the average duration before exhausting regular UI benefits in calendar year 2008 was approximately 13.9 weeks, while the statewide average duration before exhausting regular UI benefits in calendar year 2008 was approximately 13.4 weeks. The most likely interpretation of longer duration times is greater difficulty finding a job. Therefore, duration can serve

as a good barometer for local general economic conditions. The average weekly benefits payment for Regular UI in 2008 was \$327.87 for the Clay County region compared to \$307.5 in Texas statewide.

Personal Income by Place of Residence: Personal income by place of residence, based on the 2000 Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates was roughly \$52,608 for the Clay County region. This compares to \$78,626 statewide. This figure is much higher than the per capita income level because it includes all wage earners living within a single household. Also, income data from BEA will be different than income data from other agencies due to that fact the BEA includes other sources of income such as farm wages, dividends, interest, rent and transfer payments. For more information on this data, please go to <http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>.

Poverty Population: The U.S. Department of Census estimated a 2002 poverty population for the Clay County region for people of all ages at 1,254 persons. That figure represents 11.2 percent of the non-institutional population compared to a Texas percentage of 15.4 percent for people of all ages. The estimated number of people under the age of 18 in the study area in poverty was 325 in 1999. This figure was 3.3 percent of all people under 18 in the study area compared to Texas statewide which was 6.0 percent of all people under 18 as estimated in 1999. According to the 2000 Census, the number of families living below poverty status in 1999 were 261 which was 8.1 percent of all families in the study area. This compared to 12.0 percent of all families statewide living in poverty status in 1999. The total number of individuals living below poverty status was 1,121 in 1999 which was 10.2 percent of all individuals in the study area. This compared to 15.0 percent of all individuals living below poverty status statewide. For the most recent Poverty information, see: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/county.html>.

Gross Retail Sales: Income can be viewed in several ways and under different definitions. Per capita income tends to have a direct relationship with the growth of gross sales and most service sector industries in an area. **Gross sales** for the region estimated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts were \$17,908,409 in the 4th quarter 2008 which represented a decrease of -13.0 percent to \$15,579,837.00 by the 4th quarter 2009. The statewide change for the same period was a decrease of -9.5 percent in gross sales. The total number of **reporting outlets** for the same period was 140 in the 4th quarter 2008 and 146 in the 4th quarter 2009. This region had an increase of 4.3 percent in the study area compared to the statewide change for the same period of an increase of 3.4 percent. For the most recent Gross Retail Sales information, please see: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/sales/>.

Housing

Household Units and Size: The total number of **housing units** in 2000 in Clay County according the Census was 4,323 with an average household size of 2.5 persons. The average **household size** for Texas was 2.7 persons for the same period. **Home ownership rates** for this area was 83.0 percent compared to Texas statewide which had a rate of 63.8 percent. While in Texas statewide the percent of households with persons under 18 years of age in 2000 was 40.9 percent, this study area had a percent of 34.6. The percent of households with persons 65 years of age or older was 19.9 percent in Texas statewide while 29.2 percent of Clay County had households with individuals 65 years of age and older.

Types of Structures: While Texas had approximately 63.4 percent of the housing units in the category of one **detached structures** in 2000 according to the census, the study area had approximately 78.4 percent. **Mobile homes** in the area made up 18.4 percent when compared to a statewide percentage of 9.0 percent. More recently built housing structures in the area shows new development has taken place in the region. The total number of **new housing structures** built between 1995 and March 2000 was 511 or 10.2 percent in Clay County compared to 13.2 percent statewide.

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Geographic Population Estimates										1-Apr-00
	1-Jul-08	1-Jul-07	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-04	1-Jul-03	1-Jul-02	1-Jul-01	1-Jul-00	Estimates & Census
Texas	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####
.Anderson	56,838	56,716	56,354	56,020	55,562	55,563	54,357	54,102	55,060	55,106
.Andrews C	13,645	13,120	12,841	12,696	12,758	12,789	12,870	12,761	12,913	13,004
.Angelina C	83,038	82,570	82,107	81,065	80,859	80,575	80,208	79,950	80,229	80,130
.Aransas Co	24,900	24,549	24,396	24,380	23,730	23,371	23,000	22,514	22,540	22,499
.Archer Co	9,119	8,954	8,958	8,957	8,981	8,930	8,877	8,794	8,917	8,854
.Armstrong	2,123	2,076	2,094	2,125	2,094	2,053	2,072	2,150	2,166	2,148
.Atascosa C	43,877	43,477	42,950	42,444	42,069	41,297	40,820	39,871	38,874	38,623
.Austin Co	26,851	26,510	26,062	25,744	25,501	25,019	24,571	24,185	23,742	23,590
.Bailey Cou	6,279	6,294	6,434	6,539	6,560	6,503	6,450	6,539	6,583	6,594
.Bandera C	20,303	20,112	19,641	19,491	19,300	19,122	18,737	18,201	17,812	17,645
.Bastrop Co	73,491	72,127	70,293	68,751	67,536	66,128	63,751	61,258	58,286	57,716
.Baylor Co	3,737	3,848	3,818	3,852	3,931	3,930	3,901	3,941	4,080	4,093
.Bee Count	32,661	32,654	32,469	32,451	32,643	32,857	31,973	31,818	32,251	32,359
.Bell Count	285,084	277,773	265,988	261,620	255,455	253,842	247,958	242,546	239,123	237,974
.Bexar Cou	1,622,899	1,590,146	1,551,362	1,512,654	1,488,264	1,462,550	1,440,092	1,414,634	1,397,831	1,392,936
.Blanco Co	9,082	9,001	8,990	8,942	8,850	8,725	8,698	8,632	8,456	8,418
.Borden Co	593	584	628	632	666	662	683	677	715	729
.Bosque Co	17,760	17,823	17,804	17,796	17,730	17,553	17,431	17,338	17,237	17,204
.Bowie Cou	92,283	91,439	91,129	89,953	89,666	89,309	89,199	89,230	89,248	89,308
.Brazoria C	301,044	293,091	283,704	274,122	267,923	261,149	255,297	248,339	243,130	241,767
.Brazos Co	175,122	170,884	167,597	163,608	161,204	159,550	156,917	154,220	152,902	152,415
.Brewster C	9,331	9,238	9,127	9,054	9,185	9,235	9,098	8,949	8,879	8,866
.Briscoe Co	1,462	1,473	1,562	1,604	1,666	1,680	1,686	1,724	1,776	1,790
.Brooks Co	7,549	7,543	7,573	7,586	7,615	7,641	7,675	7,670	7,947	7,976
.Brown Co	38,379	38,261	38,478	38,193	37,952	37,617	37,803	37,618	37,710	37,674
.Burleson C	16,610	16,562	16,588	16,838	16,713	16,690	16,556	16,607	16,533	16,470
.Burnet Co	44,488	43,587	42,339	40,918	39,833	38,411	37,284	35,972	34,523	34,147
.Caldwell C	36,899	36,600	36,206	36,167	36,044	35,231	34,692	33,705	32,471	32,192
.Calhoun C	20,406	20,257	20,276	20,239	20,315	20,290	20,364	20,648	20,659	20,647

.Van Zandt	52,197	51,785	51,808	51,356	51,221	50,193	49,929	48,931	48,340	48,140	48,140
.Victoria Co	86,755	86,166	85,154	84,991	85,178	84,989	84,838	84,665	84,007	84,091	84,088
.Walker Co	64,212	63,930	63,923	64,335	63,447	62,760	61,656	62,220	61,744	61,757	61,758
.Waller Co	35,995	35,815	34,977	34,535	34,746	34,754	33,968	33,209	32,838	32,662	32,663
.Ward Cou	10,549	10,184	10,206	10,150	10,141	10,205	10,349	10,464	10,819	10,909	10,909
.Washingtc	32,244	31,936	31,771	31,427	31,131	30,859	30,696	30,447	30,409	30,373	30,373
.Webb Cou	236,941	231,477	226,435	221,165	215,909	210,312	205,135	199,947	194,556	193,117	193,117
.Wharton C	40,791	40,731	40,881	40,870	40,901	40,960	40,901	40,982	41,215	41,188	41,188
.Wheeler C	4,772	4,753	4,739	4,697	4,742	4,752	4,977	5,106	5,237	5,284	5,284
.Wichita Co	127,321	127,855	129,117	129,405	130,679	130,485	130,074	130,165	131,591	131,664	131,664
.Wilbarger	13,782	13,858	13,951	13,929	13,896	14,091	14,277	14,364	14,640	14,676	14,676
.Willacy Co	20,600	20,437	20,418	20,288	20,009	19,845	19,818	19,815	20,048	20,082	20,082
.Williamsor	394,193	372,021	350,113	331,620	316,066	302,392	289,747	276,567	254,939	249,982	249,967
.Wilson Cou	40,398	39,146	37,919	36,915	36,110	35,003	33,977	33,262	32,706	32,408	32,408
.Winkler Co	6,675	6,505	6,425	6,410	6,597	6,630	6,893	7,014	7,076	7,173	7,173
.Wise Coun	58,506	57,461	56,678	55,720	54,592	53,753	52,449	50,981	49,400	48,797	48,793
.Wood Cou	42,461	41,817	41,464	40,562	40,152	39,348	37,952	37,463	36,873	36,752	36,752
.Yoakum Co	7,571	7,414	7,255	7,273	7,262	7,166	7,181	7,283	7,278	7,322	7,322
.Young Cou	17,579	17,653	17,797	17,504	17,699	17,743	17,597	17,647	17,910	17,943	17,943
.Zapata Cou	13,847	13,547	13,204	13,131	12,812	12,669	12,606	12,363	12,198	12,182	12,182
.Zavala Cou	11,678	11,628	11,605	11,493	11,448	11,454	11,568	11,552	11,598	11,600	11,600

Note: The April 1, 2000 estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population resulting from legal boundary updates, other geographic prog

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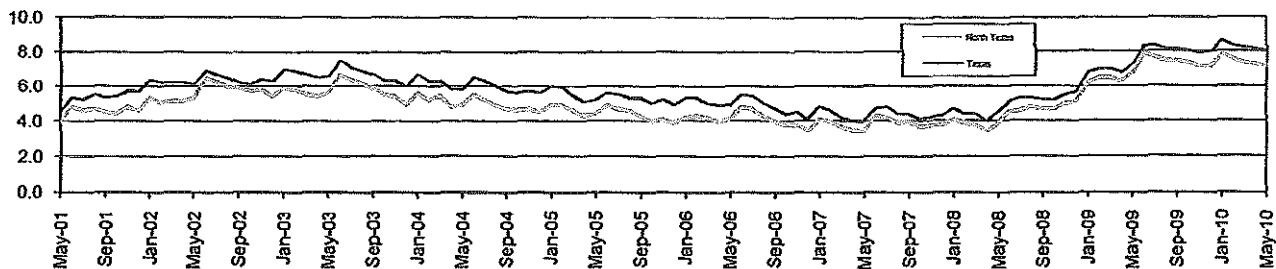
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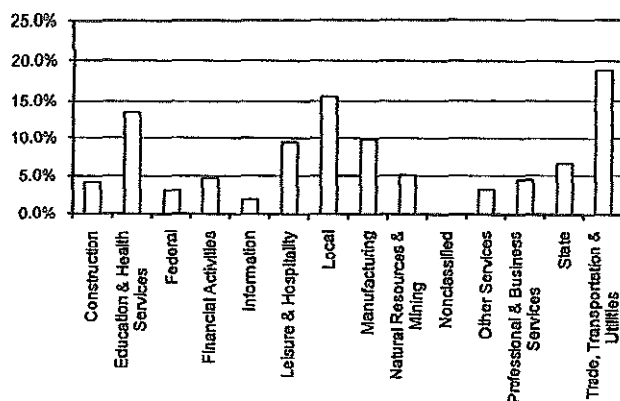
May 2010

North Texas WDA					Texas				
	CLF	Employed	Unemployed	Rate		CLF	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
May-10	113,334	105,155	8,179	7.2	May-10	12,162,174	11,186,911	975,263	8.0
Apr-10	114,030	105,651	8,379	7.3	Apr-10	12,210,433	11,221,189	989,244	8.1
May-09	112,333	104,682	7,651	6.8	May-09	11,872,448	11,004,314	868,134	7.3

Historical Unemployment Rates



North Texas WDA Industry Composition
4th Quarter 2009



Total WDA Claims

	May-10	Apr-10	May-09	OTY
Initial	518	606	823	-305
Continued	2,647	2,771	4,498	-1,851
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
Continued	1,087	1,217	2,008	-921

Texas Unemployment Insurance Claims Filled

	May-10	Apr-10	May-09	OTY
Initial	88,051	96,295	115,691	-27,540
Continued	1,004,012	954,091	1,320,400	-316,388
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
Continued	217,016	233,863	295,536	-78,522

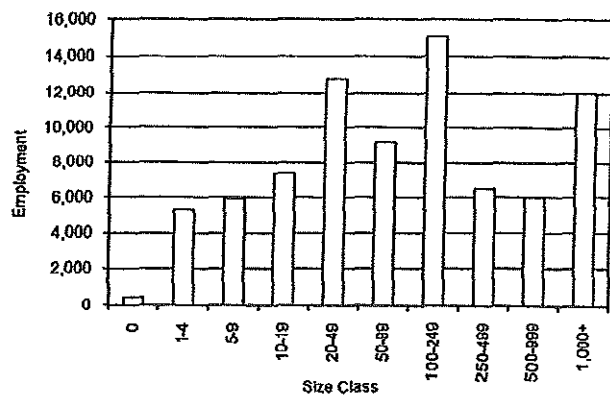
North Texas WDA
Average Weekly Wage

	North Texas	WDA Qtr. Chg.	Texas
4th Quarter 2009	\$693.39	\$60.73	\$943.97
3rd Quarter 2009	\$632.66	WDA OTY Chg.	\$844.86
4th Quarter 2008	\$699.28	-\$5.89	\$932.81

NAICS Covered Employment Quarterly Data
4th Quarter 2009

SUPER SECTOR	Employment	Change	
		Quarter	Year
Construction	3,335	-126	-388
Education & Health Services	10,762	143	162
Federal	2,451	-128	-168
Financial Activities	3,721	-43	-214
Information	1,491	0	-140
Leisure & Hospitality	7,687	-240	-147
Local	12,617	648	222
Manufacturing	7,864	-651	-2,022
Natural Resources & Mining	4,110	124	-1,021
Nonclassified	24	-2	15
Other Services	2,511	-98	-147
Professional & Business Services	3,519	53	-759
State	5,352	71	149
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	15,144	192	-662
TOTAL	80,488	-57	-5,120

Size Class Employment Composition
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Appendix F

Other Applicable Info

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